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SHOWBIZ EXCLUSIVE

Strictly star & James split

Dancers end 22yr marriage

By ELLIE HENMAN

STRICTLY'S longest loved-up couple James and Ola Jordan have split after 22 years of marriage.

James, 48, and Ola, 43, told friends they could no longer make their relationship work.

Their manager said: "With great sadness I can confirm they have begun a trial separation."

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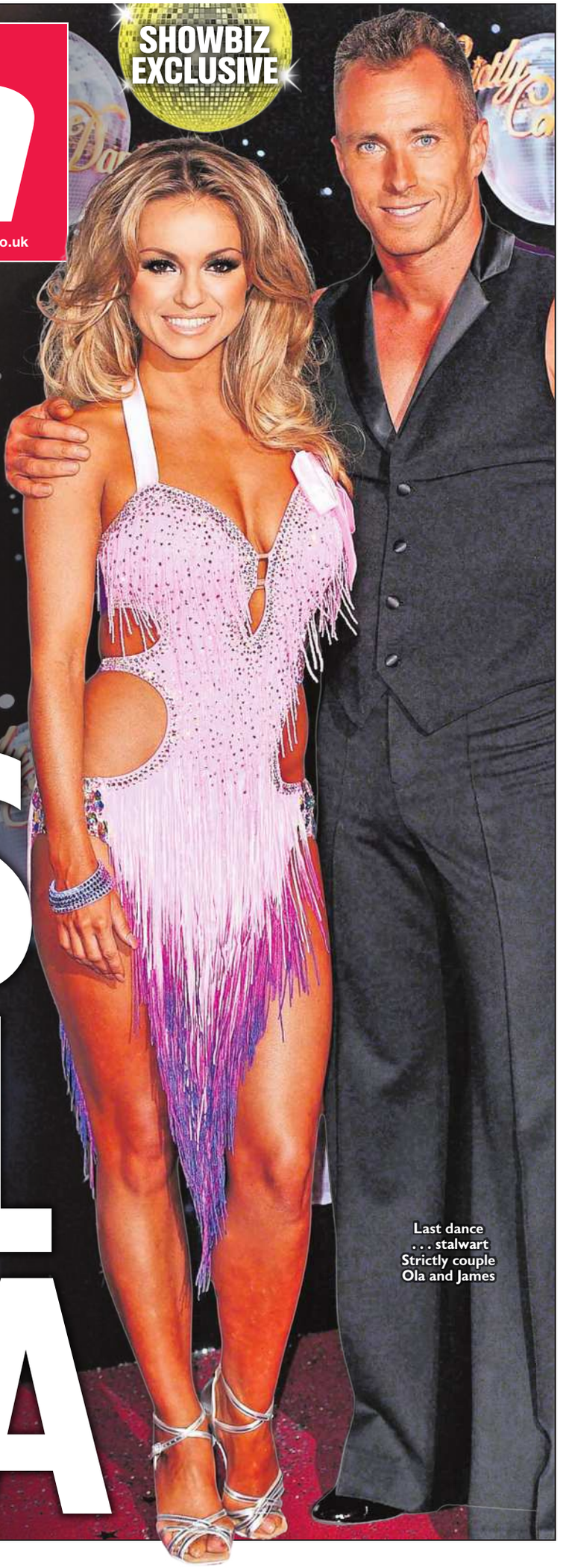
IT'S ALL OLA



Last dance . . . stalwart Strictly couple Ola and James

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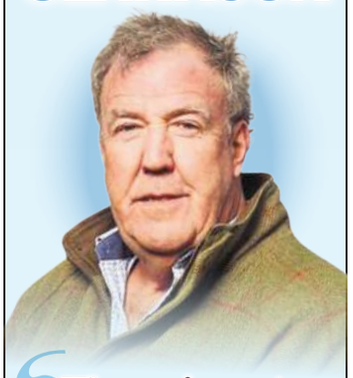

"There's not enough money to mend potholes ..but somehow there's enough to build a swish new palace up North"

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Struck while on bail . . fiend Levy

PREDATOR WAS FREE TO KILL 2

By EMILY-JANE HEAP

BLUNDERS by police, courts and prosecutors left a sex fiend free to murder two women.

The failings emerged as serial predator Simon Levy, 40, was convicted yesterday in London.

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AS PETITION HITS 700,000...

PM 'RETHINK' ON FREEING PC'S KILLERS

Considers U-turn on early release

Horror . . . PC Harper with Lissie

By RYAN SABEY

ANDY Burnham is considering a dramatic U-turn by blocking the release of two of PC Andrew Harper's killers, it emerged last night.

The Prime Minister is preparing to "explore every option", a Government source said.

Mr Burnham previously insisted he was powerless to stop Jessie Cole and Albert Bowers walking free under an early release scheme to counter prison overcrowding.

There has been widespread fury at the prospect – with a public petition now on more than 700,000 signatures.

A final decision has yet to be made but Whitehall officials are looking at a special exemption for the pair, The Daily Telegraph reported. Such a targeted exemption was previously thought to be unlawful.

Another option would be to free up enough prison places by their expected release date in January that all those convicted of manslaughter, like they were, would remain inside.

This could be achieved by sending foreign offenders to their home country, or moving men to serve in women's prisons.

Pressure . . . Mr Burnham

The PM has blocked the early release of those serving time for rape, serious child sex offences and grooming convictions. He said: "The truth is, I wanted to go even further.

"I know there will be concerns about who will still be released early for other offences."

Matthew Barber, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, said the possible move was "welcome news".

PC Harper died horrifically in 2019 when he was snagged by a strap hanging from a getaway car and dragged for a mile down a country road in Berkshire. It was due to be the newlywed's last shift before his honeymoon with wife Lissie.

Teen passengers Cole and Bowers were sentenced to 13 years while the 18-year-old driver got 16 years.

Defence Secretary Wes Streeting acknowledged the concerns raised by PC Harper's relatives as well as police colleagues and crime victims.

He said: "I'm not expecting any of those people to think that early release is OK because it's not OK."

Referring to the country's prison overcrowding crisis, he added ministers should "never have been put in a position" like this.

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Got bottle . . . at parly

Trouble brews on tax plans

By RYAN SABEY

BOTTLES of "Burnham's Brew" have been delivered to No10 in protest at the so-called bevvy levy or glass tax.

Campaigners are furious at the scheme where retailers and manufacturers are charged for every ton of packaging they use.

They say the weight of glass bottles – part of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) rules – can't easily be reduced.

Emma McClarkin, of the British Beer and Pub Association, said: "Brewers make just 3p profit on a 500ml bottle of beer, so extra levies like this hit the sector hard."

The GMB's Craig Tucker warned the proposals risk 4,750 jobs.

The Government said: "We are engaging with stakeholders on ways to address these issues."

Milburn biz Neet aid plan

EXCLUSIVE by RYAN SABEY

JOBS czar Alan Milburn is drawing up plans to help businesses employ young people to tackle the youth inactivity crisis.

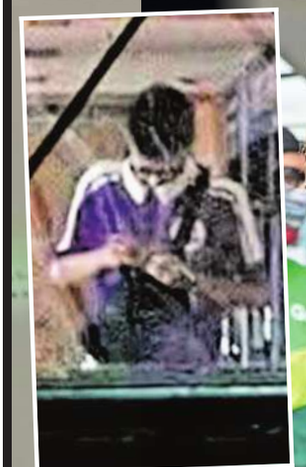
The Labour grandee is working on incentives for bosses – such as at big construction sites – following an interim report.

A source said he found the Government needs to help influence employer behaviour and "not just leave it to chance".

There are currently one in eight young people classed as Neets – not in education, employment or training – in the UK.

The report also says primary schools in England should be made to identify kids at risk of leaving school at 16 without landing a job.

Thai school massacre



Suspect . . . filmed in school

Relief . . . relative hugs student after mayhem

Seized . . . ammunition and gun

By LAUREN UTTLEY

A BOY of 14 shot dead five teachers in a rampage at his school yesterday after killing his grandparents.

More than 30 others were injured, nine of them critically, in the bloodshed at Debsirin Nonthaburi School in Thailand's capital Bangkok.

The student shot himself when the school was evacuated. Thai PM Anutin Charnvirakul said the attack had been "well prepared".

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'Debt's at £11trillion'

BRITAIN'S real national debt total is a staggering £11.7trillion, a think-tank has claimed.

Figures this week stated the public sector debt pile was at £3trillion.

The Taxpayers' Alliance pointed to extra hidden liabilities like state and public sector pensions.

Think-tank boss John O'Connell said the sum "reveals the true extent of the debt we are passing down to our children and grandchildren".

A Treasury spokesperson said: "We do not recognise the figure."

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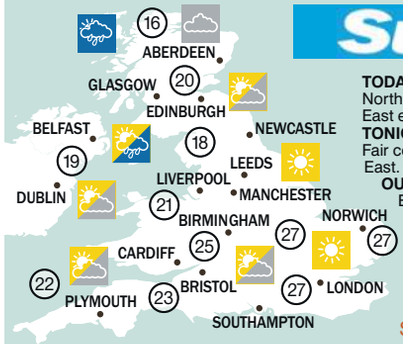

TODAY: Cloudy in North-East England, sunny spells in North-West. Mostly sunny East Midlands, while South-East experiences cloud cover.

TONIGHT: Cloudy in North-East and West Midlands. Fair conditions in Southern England. Partly cloudy in East. Light winds throughout England.

OUTLOOK: On Sunday, mostly sunny in Southern England with increasing clouds in the afternoon. Monday sees sunny intervals in the North, staying mild.

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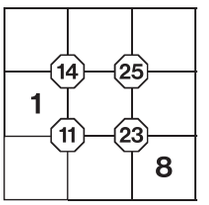

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

OSCAR winner **DUSTIN HOFFMAN, 89,** *left*, tennis great **ROGER FEDERER, 45,** Love Island star **DANI DYER, 30,** *right*, former F1 champ **NIGEL MANSELL, 73,** U2 guitarist **THE EDGE, 65,** boxing's **CHRIS EUBANK, 60,** and singer **SHAWN MENDES, 28.**

●**Last night's EuroMillions: 26, 29, 35, 38, 47. Lucky stars: 1, 2. Health Lottery: 15, 22, 24, 32, 50. Bonus: 3.**

MR & MRS SPIDEY SHOW OFF BANDS

Zen day out . . . the chilled newlyweds' bands seen on a dog walk in West London

Tom and Zen's webbing rings

Nuptials . . . yesterday's Sun

Picture: BACKGRID

By JACK HARDWICK

SPIDER-MAN stars Tom Holland and Zendaya's senses are ring-tingling on a loved-up stroll.

Tom, 30, and his A-lister wife showed off their bands as she held his arm on a dog walk and coffee run.

We told yesterday how they had tied the knot for a second time in a three-day extravaganza this week.

For Thursday's stroll in West London, 29-year-old Zendaya wore an oversized cream shirt and jeans, with her new hubby in a £180 blue Ami Paris T-shirt and black combat trousers.

Press-savvy Tom added a maroon cap plugging Bero, his non-alcoholic beer brand.

The couple hired a 370-acre country estate hotel in the Surrey Hills for the bash, with around 250 guests.

Wonka actor Timothée Chalamet and his billionaire girlfriend Kylie Jenner were among the famous names.

Marvels . . . in Spider-Man film

Despite their casual coffee run without security, Tom and Zendaya are currently the biggest stars in cinema.

Spider-Man: Brand New Day tops the box office, followed by Christopher Nolan epic The Odyssey, which they also star in.

The couple are rumoured to be taking 2027 off to focus on married life.

This year alone, Zendaya is promoting five huge projects, with yet another blockbuster, Dune: Part Three, due for release in December.

She has already hit the promo circuit hard for the final series of HBO smash Euphoria and romcom The Drama, in which she stars alongside Robert Pattinson.

Zendaya previously told British Vogue she would love to start a family. But she said of public scrutiny: "I don't necessarily want my kids to have to deal with this."

During a red carpet interview last month, Zendaya admitted she plans to "just mind my business and do nothing" in 2027.

You're a hot lot! The most sizzling sex survey you'll read this summer

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EXCLUSIVE: JAMES AND

By ELLIE HENMAN

STRICTLY favourites James and Ola Jordan are the latest married couple to fall foul of the show's dreaded relationship curse.

The pair started dating in 1999 and were due to celebrate their 23rd wedding anniversary this October.

But pals say the romance "came to a head" and that James, 48, and Ola, 43, who share daughter Ella, are devastated it has come to this.

A source said: "It's been a huge shock to their friends and family because they always seemed like such a solid couple.

"But they know in the long run it is the right decision.

"They have been together for almost 30 years and while they love and care for each other, things have changed.

"James hasn't been in a good place for quite a while now and things came to a head recently.

"They've had some open and honest discussions about their future over the past few months and have now decided that the best option is for them to separate.

"Ola has taken her wedding ring off, as well as the engagement ring James gave her in 2001.

"Their focus now is on Ella and keeping things settled for her."

Yesterday the pair's manager and friend Vickie White confirmed the news, saying in a statement: "It is with great sadness that I can confirm that James and Ola began a trial separation some time ago.

"Their shared priority remains co-parenting their daughter, Ella, and they are committed to putting her wellbeing first.

"They would greatly appreciate your understanding as they navigate this difficult time."

The Jordans have previously been open about navigating their long relationship, with James saying: "Marriage can be like a job sometimes, you've got to work at it.

"I feel sometimes people are quick to give up on something and think the grass is always greener on the other side."

Polish-born Ola added: "It's not all beautiful. Sometimes you can look at people's posts think, 'Oh they've got perfect lives', but it's not like that. No one's got a perfect marriage. It's a work in progress and if two people want to be together, they'll make it happen."

Speculation about the couple's relationship started earlier this year, when their fans noticed they were spending less time together.

Last month James shared pictures with Ella at a Paw Patrol movie premiere in London, but minus Ola.

Separately, Ola was pictured with Ella at the opening of Paw Patrol Land at Chessington World of Adventures in Surrey, with no sign of James. One of his followers commented: "Have they separated?"

Another replied: "I was feeling the same. Very sad if they have. Love their little family."

James and Ola downsized from their £2.5million Kent mansion to a five-bedroom home nearby in 2023.

They had been doing up the house and posting the results.

Friends said James and Ola's split was still "fresh" and admitted they were unsure what the future would look like.

A source added: "James and Ola are thinking about Ella and how to support her through this. The family home will remain that while they decide what to do next."

The pair met in 1999 at a dance competition in Blackpool before becoming professional partners.

They married in 2003 and in 2006 joined Strictly.

Ola was crowned winner in 2009 with her partner, BBC sports presenter Chris Hollins.

During the Jordans' stint on the show, the Strictly curse ended a number of high-profile romances.

Brendan Cole and fiancée Camilla Dallerup split after the first series.

Kevin Clifton and Karen Hauer divorced while on the show, along with Neil and Katya Jones.

James said Ola kept his eyes from wandering and told The Sun of the pros and their celeb partners: "You're very close. Day One, you come in, you just met them and you're rubbing your crown jewels up against them.

"It's normal in our world but not for everyone else and you're so close to each other, dancing sexy, and there's nice music and you're training with each other for eight hours a day, so if there is a little bit of chemistry, something's going to happen."

James quit the show in June 2014, after turning down a lesser role offered by BBC bosses which would have seen him miss out on a celebrity partner. Ola stayed on, but that year was caught in a bullying storm with her celeb partner, BBC wildlife presenter Steve Backshall.

Steve later insisted he had not been bullied by Ola, with James blasting the BBC and claiming they kept quiet over the allegations because they wanted her to leave.

He wrote at the time: "The source said the BBC are fed up with Ola's popularity and are trying to turn the public against her. Nice.

"Apparently Steve has been advised not to tweet about it because it will draw more attention.

"I was there when she cried on the phone to the BBC asking them

WEDDING DAY, 2003

JOINING STRICTLY, 2006

Picture: SHUTTERSTOCK

Pals floored . . . dance pros were seen as a solid couple at home

OLA END 22YR MARRIAGE

Ex-Strictly stars were a couple for 27 years

'Still love each other but things changed'

OLA & ELLA, NO JAMES

JAMES & ELLA, NO OLA

CAUGHT BY THE CURSE

to stop it. They didn't." Ola stepped down the following year and said she felt "too old" to continue and wanted to start a family.

In the years that followed, the pair turned to IVF to welcome Ella in 2020.

They later launched fitness programme Dance Shred, having piled on weight after becoming parents.

Ola confessed their weight gain almost saw them split, telling The Sun their "bellies" were getting in the way of their sex life.

She lost more than 3st and James almost 4st after overhauling their diet and exercise regimes.

Red card . . . Jamie and Louise

SPLIT-LY DANCERS

By ELLIE HENMAN

2004: Pro Brendan Cole split with Camilla Dallerup.
2007: Flavia Cacace dumped her fellow pro Vincent Simone then dated celeb Matt Di Angelo.
2009: Boxer Joe Calzaghe split from his girlfriend and began a relationship with Kristina Rihanoff.
2010: Kara Tointon and Artem Chigvinstev started dating but she dumped him three years on.
2010: Flavia and Matt broke up and she went on to marry her celeb partner Jimi Mistry.
2013: Rachel Riley split with her hubby after meeting Pasha Kovalev.
2013: Rugby's Ben Cohen divorced and paired up with Kristina. They had a daughter together.
2015: Georgia May Foote split with boyfriend Sean Ward then dated pro Giovanni Pernice.
2016: Contestant Louise Redknapp ended her ten-year marriage to ex-footballer Jamie.
2017: Tensions between Kevin and Karen Clifton led to split.
2018: Seann Walsh snogged pro partner Katya Jones and split with his girlfriend. Stacey Dooley left her boyfriend and now shares a daughter with Kevin Clifton.
2026: Ex-host Tess Daly and Vernon Kay split after 22 years of marriage.

CHANNEL WAR

Border chief warns dinghy gangs `quick to adapt'

Falling . . . small boat crossings

CRIMINAL gangs could rapidly change tactics and wipe out progress on cutting small boat crossings, the Government has admitted.

By JULIA ATHERLEY

Crossings are down 43 per cent year on year because of a crackdown on dinghies reaching beaches and increased enforcement on smugglers running the routes.

But the new Border Security Commander Duncan Capps, a former Army officer, has admitted in his first annual report that the progress is "not definitive".

Despite the dip in crossings, the number of migrants in northern France ready and waiting for a chance to come to the UK has not changed.

Maj Gen Capps wrote: "Recent numbers are positive, but this could change rapidly, particularly given the likelihood that organised criminal gangs will adapt their tactics and seek to drive renewed flows, especially over the summer months when conditions are more favourable.

"We have steadily forced organised crime groups into a less advantageous position, but we should be prepared for them to innovate to protect their profits."

So far this year 14,561 people have crossed the Channel in small boats.

A Home Office source insisted that new policies were "beginning to bear fruit" but "we are not complacent".

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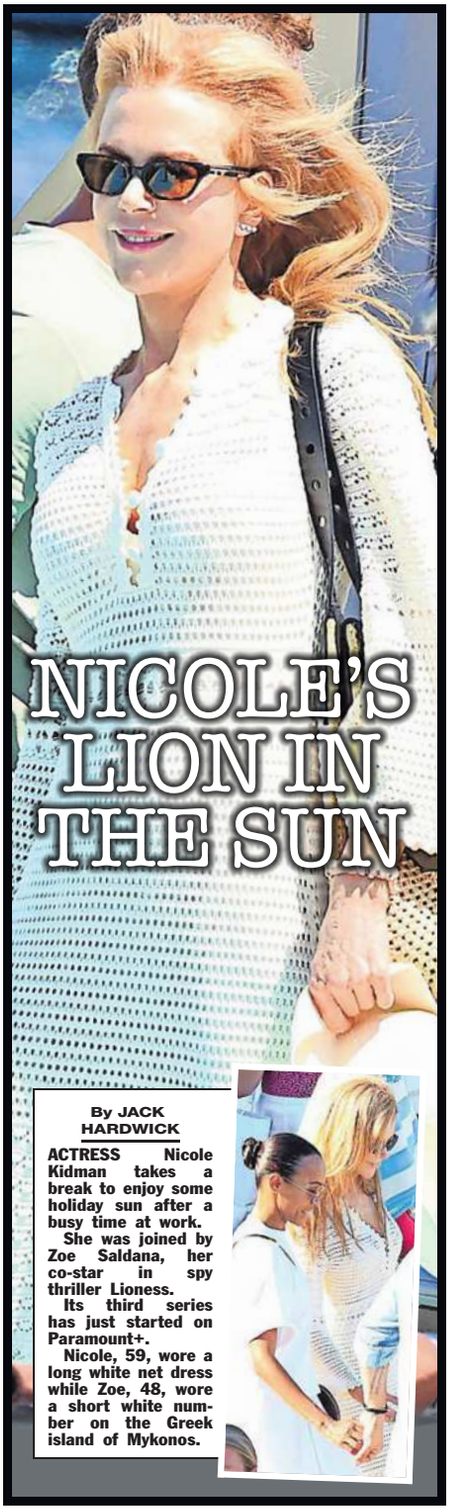
Aldi price and packaging correct as of 04/08/26. Prices dropped on Sweet Pointed Peppers 2 pack, 69p, 34.5p each, Lime & Mint Surface Cleaner 750ml, 79p, £1.05 per litre, Gold Label Tea Bags 80 pack, 250g, £1.45, £5.80 per kg, Hot Honey Pulled Pork 400g, £2.49, £6.23 per kg and Specially Selected Extra Fine Beans 220g, 99p, £4.50 per kg. Subject to availability. Product packaging and prices may vary in store, Scotland, Wales, Aldi Local and online. Which? Cheapest Supermarket awarded 2025 and based on independent comparison over 12 months at Lidl, Asda, Morrisons, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Ocado, Waitrose and Aldi. For more information visit **www.which.co.uk/reviews/supermarkets/article/supermarket-price-comparison** For more ways to save at Aldi, see **aldi.co.uk/save**



By JACK HARDWICK

ACTRESS Nicole Kidman takes a break to enjoy some holiday sun after a busy time at work.

She was joined by Zoe Saldana, her co-star in spy thriller Lioness.

Its third series has just started on Paramount+.

Nicole, 59, wore a long white net dress while Zoe, 48, wore a short white number on the Greek island of Mykonos.

Warmonger . . . Putin

Vlad plot to attack Nato 'this autumn'

By BENEDICT ELLIOT

RUSSIA is plotting an attack on Nato — and could strike within weeks, an intelligence report has revealed.

US agents now fear Vladimir Putin is plotting a small-scale land incursion to test the alliance, even as he remains bogged down in Ukraine.

Possible threats range from a cyber-attack to a full invasion, which could happen any time between this autumn and 2029.

Russian dissident Garry Kasparov said he believes Putin will attack Poland or the Baltic states because "he needs a winning narrative and Ukraine doesn't offer it".

Nato spokesman Col Martin O'Donnell said: "Nato is watching and we are ready to deter and defend as necessary."

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Quit prof probe on

CAMBRIDGE University is to continue a probe into a professor who quit over a plagiarism row.

Prof Jason Arday, 41, had been accused of copying research on work including his PhD thesis, which he denies.

Appointed in 2023 as Cambridge's youngest black professor, he also faced scrutiny over claims including running 600 miles in six days.

Despite his exit the university said it will still look at how he was appointed and his time in the role — as part of "a review of the process for the appointment of senior academic roles".

Tennis in trans ban

TRANS women were yesterday banned from all competitive female matches by Britain's governing tennis body.

The Lawn Tennis Association made the decision after updated guidance by the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.

It followed last year's Supreme Court ruling that — under the Equality Act — the term woman refers to biological sex and not gender identity.

Tennis clubs have always set their own rules about competitors born male who play as women.

Swim star Baroness Sharron Davies welcomed the move, posting: "Good."

OWE-VERSEAS STUDY

Overseas students from Kuwait and Cyprus are least likely to repay UK university debt, according to research by the Tories.

3 LIONS STAR 'HEADBUTTED FAN' ALLEGED VICTIM'S 'NOSE BROKEN'

ENGLAND STRIKER

Playing against Argentina at World Cup. Right, video footage of his arrest at London nightclub, inset

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Toney charged with ABH on 'selfie hunter'

By **MIKE SULLIVAN,** Crime Editor

ENGLAND ace Ivan Toney has been charged by police for allegedly headbutting a "selfie hunter".

The World Cup striker, 30, is accused of assault causing actual bodily harm at a late-night bar in London's Soho.

The Sun revealed video of his December arrest. The alleged victim was taken to hospital suffering a suspected broken nose and finger, a source said at the time.

Former Brentford star Toney, who earns up to £500,000 a week tax-free after a £40million move to Saudi side Al-Ahli, is due to appear at Westminster magistrates' court on September 24.

He could already be in the country if he is selected for the Three Lions squad playing Spain two days later in a Nations League match at Wembley.

The initial hearing will be presided over by a district judge, who could decide the case can be heard at a magistrates' court. If deemed serious enough, they could pencil in a crown court trial.

Alternatively, Toney could opt to fight his case in front of a crown court jury. A conviction at the higher court carries a maximum sentence of five years in jail.

Toney was charged on Thursday and is reported to be due to return for training in Saudi tomorrow.

A Met Police statement confirmed: "Ivan Toney, 30, of Northampton, was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm.

"The charge relates to an assault, which reportedly took place on December 6 at 100 Wardour Street, W1."

At the time of Toney's arrest, witnesses said he had been grabbed round the neck by a fan.

One told The Sun: "He walked past a table of a group of lads.

"One of them recognised him and said, 'Oh, it's Ivan Toney,' and tried to put his hands around his neck to get a photo with him.

"Then Toney said, 'Get off me, get off me' and ended up apparently headbutting one of the guys."

The witness said the alleged victim was left with "blood leaking from the bridge of his nose". He added of Toney: "He had his jewellery on and a really nice watch.

"He might have thought they were trying to attack him to take his chain or watch off him."

He said police arrived within half an hour, and went on: "We noticed about five officers in uniform walking down the stairs. And then they've gone over to Ivan Toney's table and asked his name.

"They said, 'You're under arrest for assault' and then they put his hands behind his back in cuffs and off he went."

Toney has scored once in his ten England appearances. He began his career with Northampton Town in 2012 – becoming the youngest player to represent the then-League Two side. He made his Three Lions debut in 2023.

But the same year he received an eight-month ban after being charged with more than 230 breaches of the FA's betting rules dating from between 2017 and 2021.

Toney was diagnosed with a gambling addiction and the FA's regulatory commission concluded that he was not a match-fixer.

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ENGLAND STAR IN HEADBUTT ARREST
Ivan Toney held after fam club brawl

Arrest . . . Sun story

IT'S A BRIT SUMMER AT THE CINEMA

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EVIL SEX FIEND MURDERED

Monster left on streets to kill & prey on women

By EMILY-JANE HEAP and MIKE SULLIVAN

BRITAIN'S "broken" justice system came under renewed fire yesterday over blunders which left a predator free to carry out a spree of murders and sex attacks on women.

Police and prosecutors faced questions for failing to stop half-blind serial attacker Simon Levy, 40.

He murdered two sex workers, left another for dead and sexually assaulted ten young women on the London Underground.

Levy embarked on the shocking rampage weeks after being freed from a three-year sentence for molesting two women in public.

He was subject to a sexual offenders' order and should have been carefully monitored.

But he remained free to strike repeatedly, despite continually coming to the attention of the law.

It can now be revealed that following his release from jail, Levy was arrested on suspicion of murder and twice charged with groping women on the Tube – but freed each time to strike again.

He also failed to appear at three crown court hearings over the sex assaults on trains but no warrant was ever sought for his arrest.

The scandal emerged when he was found guilty at the Old Bailey yesterday of the murders of sex workers Carmenza Valencia Trujillo, 53, and Sheryl Wilkins, 39.

He was also convicted of raping, suffocating and brutally beating another prostitute left for dead.

He was separately jailed for six years earlier this year after being convicted of sexually assaulting ten women on the Tube network – and is suspected of further attacks.

Levy was attacked and blinded in his right eye days before being recalled to prison over a rape allegation in May 2024. Last night, it emerged that he was injured in response to the alleged rape.

When he was freed in August of that year, he was placed on the sex offender register and was subject to monitoring by the Met Police.

Following his conviction yesterday, it was reported that officers initially graded him as high risk but lowered that to medium because of his poor eyesight.

He wore sunglasses in the dock and remained emotionless as the verdicts were returned. He will be sentenced next Wednesday.

Following the verdicts, rape prevention charity The Survivor's Trust chief executive Fay Maxted said "This shocking case highlights just how broken our criminal justice system is and the price is being paid by women."

Ex-Met detective chief inspector Mick Neville added: "In a week the Government confirmed two of PC Andrew Harper's killers are to be released early, there is now a new shame on the justice system."

Unemployed loner Levy, who lived with his mum in Tottenham, North London, was previously jailed for groping two women at music festivals in 2018.

He was recalled to prison on May 28, 2024, after an allegation of rape against him and served the remainder of his tariff behind bars.

He was released on August 23 under the supervision of a sex offender monitoring team.

But a catalogue of missed opportunities by two police forces, two courts, and the Crown Prosecution Service allowed him to prowl the streets unsupervised.

Weeks after being freed, Levy was arrested by British Transport Police officers on suspicion of two Tube sex attacks on October 21 and 28.

He had a staff fare payment card – labelled "Bus Operator" – in his possession, which it later transpired had been lost by a Transport for London worker.

Levy was bailed the following day until January 21 – and the card was returned to him by officers.

Transport cops took until December 29 to request ID parades.

It meant Levy's police bail was extended until 16 April – by which time he had murdered one sex worker and almost killed another.

On January 25 last year, a prostitute told cops that Levy had raped, strangled and brutally beat her four days earlier in a B&M car park.

The homeless woman, trafficked into the UK, gave police the exact location of where he lived.

But she was never formally interviewed because she was withdrawing from drugs.

Two months after that attack, Levy murdered mother-of-two Carmenza and dumped her body in the stairwell of a derelict building in Walworth, South East London. Levy was arrested on suspicion of her murder on April 1, 2025.

He was released under investigation and then re-arrested on May 1 by transport cops after molesting another woman on the Tube that day. Yet again, they returned the staff Oyster payment card to Levy.

He appeared in custody before Highbury Corner magistrates two days later accused of groping six women on Tube trains between October 2023 and May 2025.

District Judge Michael Oliver sent the case for trial at Inner London crown court and freed him on conditional bail despite being given police reports stating he was under investigation for murder.

The CPS opposed bail but last night admitted not all relevant info had been provided to the judge.

On June 3, he failed to appear at his first hearing at Inner London crown court. Levy's defence said he was too ill to attend and it was accepted without challenge. No warrant was issued for his arrest.

Levy was then brought back to Highbury Corner magistrates' court on June 21 after BTP arrested him for failing to comply with a bail condition not to travel on the TfL network. He was also charged with two fresh sex assaults on the Tube in April and May that year.

But BTP failed to mention the ongoing murder investigation in their second remand application.

Levy was given conditional bail yet again by magistrates – with no electronic tag or curfew.

He again failed to attend Inner London crown court for his next appearance on July 18, 2025.

Once more, no arrest warrant was sought, with the defendant and his solicitors claiming they were unaware of the hearing.

The case was adjourned until

FIRST-MURDER-VICTIM

Mum-of-two Carmenza Valencia-Trujillo, 53

SECOND-MURDER-VICTIM

Levy killed Sheryl Wilkins, 39, in car park attack

TWICE WHILE ON POLICE BAIL

Predator . . . Levy in 2021, above, before he was attacked and blinded in his right eye in 2024 after rape allegation against him

Menace . . . fiend groped multiple women on Tube trains in London

August 11 when Levy again failed to show up. His barrister said he was suffering from mental illness.

It was accepted by the court and prosecution and no warrant was issued. Levy murdered Sheryl 13 days later in the same car park where he raped and tried to strangle the sex-worker victim in January. He was arrested and charged with her murder on September 7.

Police last night admitted her death was preventable.

Me Deputy Assistant Commissioner Kevin Southworth said: "The obvious conclusion is that if he had been remanded at that point, he would not have been able to go on to commit that murder."

The Met has voluntarily referred itself to the Independent Office for Police Conduct – and it emerged last night two of the force's officers are facing potential disciplinary cases over failings in the case.

The force has examined unsolved murder case files but is not currently looking at Levy in connection with other deaths. However, it said it cannot rule out the possibility he has struck before.

Det Chief Supt Peter Fulton, BTP's head of crime and public protection, also admitted more should have been done. He described the ID parade blunder in the Tube sex assaults case as "incompetence." The detective constable and supervising sergeant in the case have been moved away from frontline investigative work.

Chief Crown Prosecutor Lisa Ramsarran said: "We accept there was relevant information regarding bail that was not provided to the court, when bail applications were being considered.

"Our actions fell short of the standards that victims, families and the public are entitled to expect."

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FAILED BY JUSTICE

JULY 29, 2018 – Levy gropes a woman under her clothing at a dance party in Camden.
AUGUST 26, 2018 – He shoves his hand down a woman's cycling shorts at Notting Hill Carnival.
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 – Levy is jailed for three years after a jury convicted him of the two sexual assaults.
APRIL 14, 2022 – He sexually assaults a female prison officer at HMP Brixton.
FEBRUARY 17, 2023 – freed from prison on licence.
OCTOBER 24, 2023 – Levy sexually assaults a woman on the London Underground. CCTV captures him leaving Westminster Station. The case is later dropped.
MAY 25, 2024 – He is injured in an assault, losing his sight in his right eye.
MAY 28, 2024 – Levy is recalled to prison for breaching the terms of his licence after an allegation of rape is made against him.
AUGUST 23, 2024 – Monster is released from prison as his sentence expires.
OCTOBER 21, 2024 – He assaults a woman on the Tube before immediately moving on to a second target. He is captured leaving the Tube network on CCTV. He is still under the supervision of the probation service due to his jail sentence.
OCTOBER 28, 2024 – Levy assaults another woman on Tube. He is captured on CCTV leaving the train at Liverpool Street. The woman later identifies him in an identification parade.
NOVEMBER 2024 – He is arrested for the assault on October 21 but gets bail.
DECEMBER 29, 2024 – British Transport Police finally request an ID parade, but his bail is due to expire on January 21, 2025, so it is extended until April 16.
JANUARY 21, 2025 – Levy chokes a woman unconscious before raping her in B&M car park in Tottenham.
JANUARY 25, 2025 – The rape victim is questioned and tells police of the attack, giving a description of Levy and where he lived.
FEBRUARY 14, 2025 – The woman Levy sexually assaulted on October 21, 2024, picks him out of an identification parade.
MARCH 17, 2025 – Carmenza Valencia-Trujillo is found dead in a stairwell at flats in South East London.
MARCH 27, 2025 - Levy sexually assaults a woman on the Tube. He is seen on CCTV and she later identifies him in an ID parade.
APRIL 1, 2025 – Levy is arrested for the murder of Carmenza Valencia-Trujillo but is released on bail.
APRIL 7, 2025 – Levy sexually assaults a woman on the Tube. She later identified him in an ID parade.
APRIL 8, 2025 – Levy sexually assaults another woman on Underground. CCTV showed him getting on train.
APRIL 26, 2025 – He sexually assaults a woman on the Tube. She later identified him in an ID parade.
MAY 1, 2025 – Levy sexually assaults a woman on another train. CCTV shows him running from station after seeing her talking to staff. She picks him out in ID parade.
MAY 2, 2025 – He is arrested in relation to four of the Tube assaults. He is charged with three assaults.
MAY 3, 2025 – Appears at Highbury Corner magistrates. Given bail ahead of trial on condition he does not travel on public transport.
MAY 29, 2025 – Levy again sexually assaults a woman on the Tube. CCTV shows him fleeing from the train.
JUNE 3, 2025 – He fails to appear at Inner London crown court for a hearing. No arrest warrant is issued.
JUNE 8, 2025 – Police close the investigation into the rape in the B&M car park.
JUNE 20, 2025 – Levy is caught on the Tube in breach of his bail conditions.
JUNE 21, 2025 - He appears at Highbury Corner magistrates' court after breaching his bail condition. He is bailed again by JPs.
AUGUST 11, 2025 – Levy fails to appear at Inner London crown court again. No arrest warrant is issued.
AUGUST 24, 2025 – Fiend murders Sheryl Wilkins in the B&M car park.
SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 – Levy arrested for Sheryl's murder.
SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 – The killer, still in custody, is rearrested for the murder of Carmenza Valencia-Trujillo. The woman he raped agrees to be interviewed by police.
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 – He appears at Old Bailey charged with murder.
NOVEMBER 25, 2025 – Levy does not appear for his second Old Bailey hearing after staging dirty protest in cell.
JANUARY 26, 2026 – Levy stands trial at Inner London crown court for nine sexual assaults on the Tube and one assault against prison officer.
FEBRUARY 4, 2026 – Levy is convicted of all ten charges of sexual assault.
JUNE 16, 2026 – Levy is jailed for six years at Inner London crown court for the sexual assaults.
JUNE 29, 2026 – Levy goes on trial at the Old Bailey for the murders of Carmenza Valencia-Trujillo and Sheryl Wilkins. He is also accused of raping and suffocating a third woman.
AUGUST 7, 2026 – Jury returns guilty verdicts.

On camera . . CCTV of Tube sex predator Levy at station

THE Sun SAYS

Listen, PM

PM Andy Burnham is at last said to be considering a U-turn over the early release of the killers of PC Andrew Harper.

It's not a moment too soon. Our new Prime Minister likes to paint himself as a champion against injustice. So how on earth did he ever end up on the side of two cop-killers?

His original decision not to exempt Albert Bowers and Jessie Cole from Labour's early prisoner release scheme has infuriated Andrew's family and widow Lissie who have endured years of grief.

Senior police officers – including the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police, the Met Commissioner and the senior detective who put Andrew's killers behind bars – all say ordinary cops are being badly let down.

Then there is the huge outpouring of public anger.

That is crystal clear in the 700,000 signatures on a petition demanding Cole and Bowers stay locked up.

Burnham's strategy was to blame prison overcrowding on the Tories and hope the problem goes away.

But **HE** raised the hopes of Andrew's family by pausing early releases entirely in response to their case.

Officials are now apparently exploring a way to keep the PC's killers locked up.

Leadership is about more than putting out TikToks about scampi fries. It's about doing the right thing, however difficult it is to get done.

Burnham has got this badly wrong and it's right that he reverses his mistake.

Real danger

THE last week has shown again the huge dangers to our society of failing to control our borders.

Hundreds more unvetted migrants broke into Britain in the last seven days.

Riots have broken out in normally sleepy Thetford, sparked by local unhappiness at illegal asylum seekers being housed in flats in the town.

The weak-minded open borders mob within Labour loves to belittle the small boats crisis as an obsession whipped up by far-right racists.

In fact, it's a very real threat to our national security and, increasingly, to the safety of women and girls.

Or don't they care about that?

What resolve?

THE next time Andy Burnham shares a pint and pork scratchings with his Chancellor for the cameras perhaps they could find time to discuss defence spending?

While the PM refuses to commit to a proper programme of re-arming, US intelligence believes Putin could attack a Nato country within weeks.

The Pentagon fears Moscow wants to test Nato's strength with a possible raid on Poland.

Brits cannot afford, should Putin test Burnham's resolve, for him to be found wanting.

UNLIKELY TARTAN ARMY MEMBER LIDDLE

Brave, witty, populist and mischievous... the rebel genius of my fellow Scot, Rod Roy

By **ALLY ROSS**

SCOTLAND were a man down and losing 4-0 to Germany when my phone pinged, inside Munich's Allianz Arena, and a legend appeared.

"Rod Liddle."

Probably not the exact person I wanted to hear from at that moment, but I read the message anyway and started laughing.

"Mate, I still believe in you.

"I STILL BELIEVE."

I started chuckling so much, in fact, that a fellow Scotland supporter demanded to know what was so funny.

So I showed him the message and he started laughing as well.

Rod had that effect on people.

He was a Zen master at flagging up human folly, whether it was cultural, political, economic or spending £770 to watch your beloved football team get spanked 5-1 at the 2024 Euros.

Thanks to our burgeoning friendship, I also knew very well, by that point, there was no malice to Rod's words or any higher purpose than comedy when he subsequently told Spectator readers he was "devastated" to discover a DNA test had shown he was nearly 70 per cent Scottish.

The only consolation, for Rod, apparently being that: "Henceforth I shall expect everybody else in England to subsidise me through their taxes while simultaneously demanding total independence from them."

Riotous success

I was so confident of his goodwill, in fact, I took some of my Tartan Army mates to meet Rod at one of the curry nights we held regularly with his great friend and fellow journalist Mick Hume, from online website Spiked.

It was a riotous success built, I'd like to think, on some form of mutual respect. And a lot of alcohol.

Rod admired us because we'd just been to Kazakhstan to see Scotland lose 3-0, which appealed to the Millwall-supporting masochist in the man.

And we all really liked Rod because he was funny, kind, fascinating and much gentler than anyone expected, with a generous Christian spirit and a surprising number of insecurities about his astonishing talents.

He'd no need to have concerns, of course. Once free of the BBC straitjacket and able to write what he actually thought about the self-righteous liberal London Left, Rod very quickly established himself, at The Sunday Times, Spectator and The Sun, as one of the greatest and most versatile columnists who's ever lived.

He was alarmingly prolific as well and (full disclosure) I was slightly unnerved when he told me, not long after lockdown lifted, that he was going to become The Sunday Times' TV critic.

I've seen them come and go, of course and know that it takes most TV critics about two years just to stop being awful.

Not Rod.

A natural God-given talent, like his predecessor, AA Gill, meant he was brilliant immediately.

His gift lay also in the fact Rod had barely an ounce of pretension about him and no qualms about being populist.

Indeed, when he was put on the spot, he listed his two favourite TV programmes of all time as Fawlty Towers and David Lammy's epic failure on Celebrity Mastermind, where he identified "Marie Antoinette" as "The Polish woman who discovered radium" and "Henry VII" as Henry VIII's successor.

GREATS AS MATES . . . with Rod and Mick

He referenced it endlessly, in columns as well. And, like anything Rod wrote at length, it had to be read at least twice, just so you could savour the full savagery.

The true mark of Rod's genius, though, which set him apart from everyone else, I think, was the fact he could reduce someone to rubble in less than 15 words.

It's become part of Spectator folklore that Rod broke the magazine's online traffic records with a single mischievous question: "I hear Owen Jones was on Question Time, last night. Was he any good . . . ?" He also once reviewed a Justin Bieber album with the verdict: "The rancid meanderings of a long spent w**kpuffin."

My own favourite, however, was the three-word description he attached to environmentalist Greta Thunberg.

"Swedish doom goblin."

It's so perfect my friends use "Swedish doom goblin" as a short-cut to laughter if a night in the pub ever feels like it's flagging.

The trouble with devotion to a columnist as talented and addictive as Rod, though, is it's never good news when they're absent for a long period. Rod was missing before I went to this year's World Cup and worryingly, still hadn't reappeared by the time I returned. Then came the worst news of all. There is, naturally, some comfort to be had from the outpouring of love displayed by readers of The Sun, The Spectator and The Sunday Times in response to Rod's death, earlier this week.

He would also, I think, have been beside himself with glee at the holier-than-thou obituaries delivered, in self-consciously disapproving style, by a pair of Guardian hacks.

Glorious anti-woke prose

Empty words which, apart from probably confirming all of his darkest thoughts about humourless left-wing journalists, said nothing about the great man other than the fact his glorious anti-woke prose will live free of charge, inside their heads, from now until kingdom come.

His death, though, has left an unimaginable chasm in the lives of his friends and family, who are in all our thoughts, and an endless void in the media where, in normal circumstances, I'd have been craving to read his thoughts on the DEI plagiarism scandal that's engulfed Professor Jason Arday and Cambridge University this week.

On a personal level, there's also eternal regret that I didn't see my mate before he passed. Although I did receive a message from Mick Hume that Rod wanted me to know he had been greatly cheered by Scotland's abject performance at the World Cup.

It made me laugh, of course.

But I still believe, Rod.

I STILL BELIEVE.

CRUZ THAT GIRL?

Picture: XAVI GORDO FOR PORTER

By JACK HARDWICK

ACTRESS Penelope Cruz is on target in the fashion stakes — in an outfit that appears to be adorned with arrowheads.

She wore the Versace skirt and blazer for an interview with fashion site Net-A-Porter.

The Spaniard, 52, explained why she feels drawn to strong female characters. She said: "It's the influence of the women in my life.

"My grandmothers, my mother, they didn't have time to worry about what others were thinking about them.

"I want to honour the women I knew."

Producer . . . William

Madge's musical ace Orbit dies at 69

By FEDERICA ADRIANI

MUSIC producer William Orbit – who worked with Madonna and other stars – has died aged 69.

The Grammy winner is best known for his collaboration with Madge on her 1998 Ray of Light album which included hit tracks Frozen and Drowned World.

He also shared projects with Britney Spears, Pink and Blur during his stellar 40-year career.

Orbit worked with U2 on mixes for the tracks Electrical Storm and The Hands That Built America, the theme for Martin Scorsese's 2002 film Gangs of New York.

He also helped write the All Saints No1 single Pure Shores in 2000.

Orbit was born William Wainwright in North London in 1956.

He was hailed for his "friendship and kindness" in a statement. It added: "Family and friends announce he passed away at home on July 23.

"We're deeply saddened by his passing. He will be greatly missed by us and by so many whose lives he touched."

WIN THE MONEY

A Winston Churchill cigar stub is up for £1,500 in an auction at Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex.

EXCLUSIVE

A LOTTE WRONG AT STAR SCHOOL

Faces axe . . . singer's project doing nature no favours

Church's forest project branded bad for forest

SINGER Charlotte Church's hippy forest school faces being given the chop — over concerns it may be damaging nature.

Planning bosses said the site did not "enhance" its environment and failed to comply with "protected sites and species" policies and conservation.

Church, 40, had also failed to submit any ecological reports for her Awen Project scheme at Wenvoe in the Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales.

It was launched as an outdoor education centre for up to 20 home-schooled children aged 11 to 16 – and offered sessions covering rewilding and edible landscaping.

Mum-of-three Church and songwriter husband Jonathan Powell launched the project in a former piggery. Neighbours questioned whether the remote location with its temporary facilities, including a compost loo, was safe for kids.

She and her husband had run it without official say-so since 2024 so applied to Vale of Glamorgan Council for retrospective permission. Planning officers rejected their bid, raising concerns over road safety and noise as well as the environmental shortcomings.

They said the location was unsuitable as pupils and staff would have to travel along a narrow, unlit private lane with no pavements to get there.

Church has appealed against their ruling to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales, part of the Welsh Government.

The star, a campaigner for alternative education, set up the Awen Project after taking her own children out of mainstream school.

It was originally based in woods in Dinas Powys before moving to nearby Wenvoe after a dispute which ended in 2023 when the Woodland Trust charity said it was putting wildlife at risk.

Despite the latest setback, Church was upbeat about Awen in the project's 2026 annual report.

She said: "Young people have been actively engaging with the new landscape."

By ALEX WEST

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Killed . . Widdecombe

Ann cops probe on 'Farage burglary'

By THOMAS GODFREY

COPS probing the murder of Ann Widdecombe have re-opened an investigation into an attempted burglary last year.

The Met Police received a report of a break-in bid at a property in Greater London in April 2025. No arrests were made and the investigation closed.

But counter-terror cops said yesterday they had identified a line of inquiry not pursued that "may have been relevant".

The Sun understands the probe relates to a home linked to Nigel Farage, and that a lit incendiary was pushed through the letterbox during the burglary bid.

Ex-Tory minister and Reform UK politician Ann, 78, was found dead at her home in Dartmoor, Devon, last month after allegedly being repeatedly battered with a hammer.

Joshua Kerry, 28, from Rotherham, has been charged with her murder.

Punts . . in Cambridge

Highs of 36C due with fifth heatwave

By PAUL SIMS

TEMPERATURES are set to reach a scorching 36C next week as yet another heatwave bakes Britain.

The Met Office said the sweltering maximum would affect East Anglia and parts of the South East by Thursday.

Deputy chief forecaster Mike Silverstone warned: "Humidity levels are also expected to increase through the week, which may make conditions feel more uncomfortable."

Meanwhile, the UK Health Security Agency issued yellow heat health alerts for most of England from 9am today and ending on Thursday.

The summer has already seen four sizzling heatwaves. The hot spells in May and June led to 2,800 excess deaths.

Last month was the driest July for England and Wales since records began in 1836. Five reservoirs in the two nations are suffering with "exceptionally low" levels.

SUMMER CINEMA IS SIZZLING...

Dulcie Pearce
SUN FILM CRITIC

HOLLYWOOD'S most hotly anticipated, big-budget movies feature a Brit of a twist this summer – as UK stars dazzle in leading roles.

From Londoner Tom Holland saving the world as Spider-Man to Scots actor Ewan McGregor battling dinosaurs in The End Of Oak Street, it is homegrown talent that is set to fill cinemas.

Born-and-bred Brit actors are beating the Yanks to big roles as they adopt convincing American accents to appear in a string of US blockbusters.

But how is it that actors from our little island have top billing against those from the country that invented popular movies and with five times our population? As the birthplace of Shakespeare, many believe the UK's traditional acting training and long theatrical history puts us in a league of our own.

In Britain, showbiz wannabes go through the proper channels, attending prestigious acting schools such as the National Youth Theatre, Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art or Guildhall School of Music & Drama. Others tread the boards or join the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Meanwhile, in Hollywood, A-listers such as Tom Cruise and Jennifer Lawrence have had no formal acting training. And while Americans struggle with other accents, Brits have the US twang nailed as we grew up watching TV shows and films from across the Pond.

Lucinda Syson, a casting director who worked on Batman Begins and X-Men, once said: "A lot of agents in America will come to the UK to theatres and drama schools looking for the next hot thing."

Here, we look at some of the latest blockbusters that feature Brits as the star of the show . . .

HIT AND MYTH . . . Tom in scene with Anne Hathaway

THE ODYSSEY

(In cinemas now)

LONDON-born director Sir Christopher Nolan certainly came back to his motherland when casting for his Greek epic.

While the stars speak with American accents throughout the three-hour film, which has already grossed £700million at the box office, five Brits play lead roles.

TOM HOLLAND: With his American superstar wife Zendaya in the same film, the 30-year-old from Kingston-on-Thames, South West London, plays Prince Telemachus, the son of Odysseus (Matt Damon) and Penelope (Anne Hathaway).

ROBERT PATTINSON: Having bagged the lead role in DC's reboot of the all-American Batman franchise in 2022, Pattinson, 40, from Barnes, West London, has been praised for his part as sneering villain Antinous.

SAMANTHA MORTON: The multi-award-winning actor, 49, from Nottingham, shows fearless style and range in her scenes as terrifying witch and goddess Circe.

MIA GOTH: No stranger to playing multiple roles with an American accent, the 32-year-old from Southwark, South London, portrays disloyal maidservant Melantho, who has scenes with fellow Brit, Pattinson.

HIMESH PATEL: Having trained at the National Youth Theatre, and then on EastEnders for nine years, the 35-year-old from Huntingdon, Cambs, plays Eurylochus, second-in-command to Matt Damon's Odysseus and by his side for most of the intense action sequences.

EPIC ROLE . . . Robert Pattinson in Greek action fantasy flick

Some like

SPIDER-MAN: BRAND NEW DAY

(In cinemas now)

DIRECTED by American Destin Daniel Cretton, this is the fourth solo Spider-Man film for Holland, who took over the role in 2016. Critics are calling it the best of the franchise and a more mature take on the comic book hero.

TOM HOLLAND: He first landed the role ten years ago in Marvel's Captain America: Civil War. The fan favourite then followed in the footsteps of British-raised Andrew Garfield to play the superhero from New York in standalone films.

FLORENCE PUGH: Reprising her role as Yelena Belova from the Marvel Universe's Black Widow, the 30-year-old from Oxford has a particularly funny scene in a Turkish bath with her Brit co-star.

MARVEL-LOUS . . . Tom has played New York superhero Spider-Man since 2016

WITH UK STARS IN ALL THE BIG ROLES

BRIT hot

WATCH THIS SPACE . . . Colin in new alien movie

DISCLOSURE DAY

(In cinemas now)

IT seems that legendary director Steven Spielberg got on a flight to Blighty to cast for this alien thriller, with his three main leads all home grown. The fourth, Eve Hewson, is Irish, so no Americans got a look-in.

EMILY BLUNT: The 43-year-old from Roehampton, West London, has led several films with an accent, including the A Quiet Place series. In Disclosure Day, she plays all-American weathergirl Margaret Fairchild, who can communicate with aliens.

JOSH O'CONNOR: Starring as a cybersecurity specialist, the Southampton-born actor, 36, is fresh from a top role in Wake Up Dead Man: A Knives Out mystery, in which he played an American priest.

COLIN FIRTH: He may keep his actual accent in this one, but our Mr Darcy, 65, from Grayshott, Hants, still gets top billing as the head of a shady organisation which is a contractor for the US government.

CALL OF DUTY . . . hunk Turner plays dashing leading man

ONE NIGHT ONLY

(In cinemas August 28)

THE rom-com about two New Yorkers in search of love, directed by American Will Gluck, decided to cast the male lead from UK shores.

CALLUM TURNER: Newly married to pop queen Dua Lipa, the ex-model, 36, from Hammersmith, West London, stars opposite Top Gun: Maverick's Monica Barbaro. He has finely tuned his American accent recently, in last year's Eternity and 2024's WWII TV series, Masters Of The Air.

THE END OF OAK STREET

(In cinemas Friday)

THIS sci-fi survival flick, produced by J.J Abrams, is set in a suburban American neighbourhood, and sees a family struck by a mysterious event that causes the appearance of dinosaurs.

EWAN McGREGOR: Playing Greg Platt, a protective dad of two and husband of Denise (Anne Hathaway), the 55-year-old Scot from Perth has definitely dropped his native brogue for this leading role.

REX-ELLENT WORK . . . Scot Ewan plays a US dad in dino drama

TONY

(In cinemas Friday)

THE biographical comedy-drama about the early career of world-famous chef Anthony Bourdain is set in Massachusetts in 1975.

But that didn't stop Canadian writer and director Matt Johnson casting two Brits in top roles.

LEO WOODALL: The 29-year-old star of smash hits One Day and The White Lotus may be from Hammersmith, West London, but in Tony he plays a fast-talking, drug-loving American kitchen worker who leads Bourdain into temptation.

EMILIA JONES: Having used an American accent in Running Man and Cat Person, Emilia, 24, from Westminster, central London – daughter of singer and TV's Aled Jones – plays Tony's love interest.

STIRRING UP TROUBLE . . . Leo as kitchen worker who leads chef astray

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GRAB A BEER . . . Stella campaign

STELLA JOB ON ADVERT

I AM not ordinarily given to singing the praises of a rival brewer but credit where credit's due: This week Stella Artois took out a full-page newspaper advert – in The Times no less – to tell everyone that beer is great.

It pointed out that when someone says "let's grab a beer" it means so much more than drinking a cold one.

They argued, quite rightly, that it's an invitation to talk, to celebrate, to reconnect.

Or maybe have a moan about your boss.

And they went on to say that all this magnificence comes from just four simple ingredients. Hops. Barley. Yeast. And water.

They concluded by saying "here's to a future with more".

But that's going to be a problem, I'm afraid, because thanks to the Government's weird hatred of anyone with a field, British farmers planted a lot less barley than usual this year.

And thanks to the heatwaves and drought, up to two-thirds of it is not good enough to be malted.

It's nothing more than hen food.

Will PM's decisions be better because they're 'Northern'?

ANDY BURNHAM was only in power for two weeks before he went on holiday and, obviously, that wasn't long enough to explain in any great detail what he plans to do.

So far, all he's told us is that he likes football and beer and that he intends to set up a new power base in Manchester which will be called Number 10 North.

Hmmm. I wonder if that's a good idea. Obviously it will cost many lumps of our money to create this ecky thump outpost, and even more will have to be spent on train fares every day shipping people to and from London.

And to what end? Will decisions taken in the North be different to those taken in the South? Will they be better?

To answer that, it's sensible to look at what happened when the BBC did a similar thing 15 years ago. Back in 2011, they announced that a huge number of their radio and TV shows would now be made in Salford.

But the man put in charge of encouraging staff to relocate decided that he himself would be staying in London.

They were very diligent about the decision, though. When I pitched the idea of doing a farming show to a BBC commissioner way back when, he only had one question about it: "Where would it be produced?" I told him London, and he said: "Well, we don't want it then."

It's still going on today. There was an awful brouhaha recently when it emerged that for two days every week Naga Munchetty would be hosting her Salford-based 5 Live morning show from . . . London.

But do you care about that? I'm not sure I do.

All I can say for sure is that I bet the guests on her show will be quietly thrilled that they don't have to drag themselves to Euston Station at crikey o'clock in the morning.

GIMMICK . . . Andy

Swish new palace

Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? is made in Salford. And do you think the people of the North West are proud of that? Do they even know?

We all know what's going on here. Big political operations like the Government and the BBC think that if they have some offices in Manchester, people in the North will feel included.

But I'm from Yorkshire so actually, I have a deep distrust of anything made on the drizzly side of the Pennines.

Let's not forget that until TVR came along, the only car made in Lancashire only had three wheels.

Number 10 North then might please the people of Manchester, but it will annoy people in Leeds and Newcastle and Norwich and everywhere that isn't Manchester. It certainly annoys me because here we are in a country that doesn't have enough money to mend its potholes or keep convicted murderers in jail.

But somehow there is enough cash to build a swish new palace up North.

Where was this decision taken? I don't know and it doesn't matter.

I've made some of the best decisions of my life while sitting on the lavatory.

And some of the worst while lying in the sunshine by an Italian swimming pool.

The Government has its headquarters.

It doesn't need another one.

SPECIAL TREATMENT . . . Naga

INSIGHT . . . Prof Hannah

HOW TO FRY MY BRAIN

IT'S not often I'm stopped dead in my tracks by a fact, but while listening to the extremely excellent Professor Hannah Fry on her science podcast this week, I discovered that the lithium-ion batteries in your electric car are basically useless.

Hannah explained that firewood produces quite a lot of energy, around 16 megajoules per kilogram.

Olive oil is even better. You get 37 from that and 39 from your belly fat.

Petrol is pretty much the king though, churning out a whopping 47.

Whereas the amount of megajoules per kg you get from the lithium-ion batteries in your beloved Tesla is – wait for it – less than one.

I'm surprised the damn thing has enough energy to even start in a morning.

I've missed Rod Liddle's column these past few weeks and now I shall have to get used to missing them for ever.

It won't be easy.

RIP Rod.

Flies? Much more scary things come out of sky

FEW things in life are as irritating as a persistent fly.

I can hear one now, pointlessly whizzing about and crashing into the windows, and I just know it won't be long before it decides to have a look in my ear.

This summer, there's an absolute plague of the damn things.

Doubtless global warming is to blame. Or Donald Trump. But whatever, I've been very busy with the sprays and my electric table tennis bat that nukes them.

What else can you do?

Well, it seems that the answer to that is "moan".

In Congleton, a town in Cheshire, one woman has started a petition, calling on the council to take some kind of action.

She says the toll the flies place on her daily life is "tremendous". Diddums.

One of her neighbours says: "Imagine never being able to open your doors or windows."

What??!!? It's Congleton, love, not Bhopal.

Others, meanwhile, say that children cannot play outside and one is actually selling her house and moving because there are too many flies in it.

Where's she moving to? I hope it's Australia.

Then she'd learn what a real swarm feels like.

What the bloody hell has happened to this country? They're flies, for God's sake not German bombers.

Yes, the noise they make is annoying but it's nowhere near as annoying as the noise made by people who go all to pieces at every little thing.

DVLA'S LOST ITS ED

SO, Ed Sheeran has been fined because someone at the DVLA noticed his Aston Martin is uninsured.

Well yes, but it's a classic Aston and for the last five years it's been in pieces in a workshop while engineers convert it to run on batteries.

So he couldn't possibly have driven it. Which means insurance was unnecessary, surely?

But that's not the weird part of this story.

The weird part is that someone at the DVLA actually noticed.

Which I bet they wouldn't have done if it had been stolen.

Seriously, I bet a thief could have parked it in their reception area, and everyone would have walked past without batting an eyelid.

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BARMAGEDDON

Woke councils joining blitz on standing at pubs

Standing . . . West End pub

COUNCILS across the country want to join a clampdown on pub drinkers ordering at the bar or standing.

The Sun told yesterday how London's Westminster planned to reduce so-called "vertical drinking".

It even aims to make new bars in bustling Soho take orders from tables only. Publicans warned such a move would further damage business and risk ending the tradition of ordering at the bar.

EXCLUSIVE by THOMAS GODFREY

But a Sun probe has found other councils are looking at similar moves — including party hub Blackpool.

A licensing guidance document warned: "Applications for premises whose predominant offer is vertical drinking are not encouraged."

Wolverhampton Council has told new restaurant applicants that "there will be no vertical drinking". And late-night cafe bars will have table service.

Merton Council, in South West London, wants operators to take "robust steps to prevent vertical drinking" as a condition for winning an exemption from its toughest late-opening restrictions in Wimbledon town centre. All three councils mentioned were asked to comment.

A spokeswoman for Merton insisted the policies relate to applications for new venues, so existing pubs were unaffected.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Andy Burnham said: "Busy pubs full of people talking to each other is not a public nuisance, it's British life and thousands of jobs."

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OFF THE RAILS

By RICHARD MORIARTY

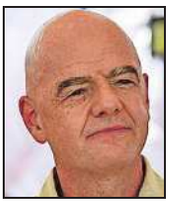
A YOUNG lad is in a tight spot after getting his head stuck between a set of hand rails at a shopping centre.

Jason Duxbury, six, was larking about when he fell through the gap.

Mum Toni Millen, 38, captured him screaming in frustration in a video that has six million views on TikTok. One user joked: "Didn't know there was child parking so you could shop in peace."

Jason's mum eventually lifted him free from the rails at Accrington Arndale, Lancashire — though he lost a shoe in the process.

Fun . . Toni and Jason



Pressure . . . Fifa boss

'Infantino mistress paid off by Uefa'

By BENEDICT ELLIOT

UEFA paid a six-figure sum to an alleged mistress of Gianni Infantino while he was its general secretary, it is claimed.

She was said to have been promoted from an admin role to a managerial one during her fling with the married dad of four at European football's governing body.

Uefa also paid for her to do an MBA at a business school after she left, the Telegraph reports.

Infantino, 56, was head of Uefa from 2009 to 2016 before taking over as the boss of Fifa, which oversees football globally.

The controversial bureaucrat is under pressure there after his failed bid to "sell off" the World Cup to private investors.

Last night, Uefa admitted a payment had been made to the woman and it was aware of allegations of the relationship. Fifa said Infantino "strongly denies these allegations".

Infantino too toxic? — P18 & 19

Boss . . . Zuckerberg

Meta fine of £420m over kids' safety fail

By ZEENIA NAQVEE

TECH giant Meta has been fined another £421million — the largest penalty against the firm over child safety.

A US court ruled the social media company had failed to warn the public about the dangers its platforms pose to kids.

The ruling is on top of £278.9million Meta was ordered to pay in the case in New Mexico.

Judge Bryan Biedscheid said Meta, which is behind Instagram, Facebook and WhatsApp, was a "public nuisance".

He likened it to a factory producing advertising and content with the "psychological harm and sexual exploitation of children" its "pollution".

Meta, whose chairman is Mark Zuckerberg, said it disagreed with the ruling and would appeal.

A spokesman added: "We remain confident in our record of protecting teens online."

'Swarla' fans mob Corrie set to see lesbian couple

Romantic storyline inspires flood of online fiction

In love . . . couple during soap wedding

FORM AN ORDERLY LGBTQ

Protection . . . Vicky, left, and Alison, right, with security guards while filming on location on Bolton

Dedication . . . fan site

EXCLUSIVE by RYAN PARRY

CORRIE couple Lisa Swain and Carla Connor have attracted their own fan club — with "Swarla" devotees obsessing over their every move and constantly turning up on set.

Hardcore fans are going wild for the romance between Weatherfield's factory boss Carla, played by Alison King, and police detective Lisa, played by Vicky Myers.

One website, called SwarlaHQ, runs articles dedicated to the pair.

And this week 53-year-old Alison and Vicky, 50, had to be escorted by security guards when a large group of Swarla fans turned up while they were filming on location in Bolton.

A show source said: "Ali and Vicky were filming alongside other Corrie stars including Tina O'Brien and Jack P Shepherd.

"But the group that turned up were only interested in Swarla.

"They waited outside all day until the shoot finished at 6.45pm.

"Alison and Vicky were ushered out by security guards into a waiting Mercedes people carrier. There was no time for selfies or autographs. But for the Swarla fans it didn't matter, they are so hardcore just a glimpse is enough."

The source said groups of Swarla fans also regularly wait outside the gates of the ITV Trafford Wharf Studios in Salford Quays in the hope of spotting them.

And the source said security is always on hand to keep a close eye out. They said: "Some fans turn up to watch the actors going in and out of the locations or the studios, and security's there just to make sure that everyone is safe and that no lines are crossed.

"In Bolton there were seven security guards and they kept an especially close eye on Ali and Vicky. The devotion to Swarla is off the scale. Corrie bosses have never seen anything like it."

Coronation Street bosses insist security measures have always been tight around the cast and say Swarla fans do not pose any additional threat.

The couple's romantic storyline first exploded in 2024 with dedicated Swarla worshippers creating TikTok edits, fan fiction and even petitions demanding the writers give them a happy ending. The term "Swarla" trends every week when episodes are on.

In April this year, they became the first lesbian couple to marry on the ITV soap.

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WATCH THIEF'S JAIL

A FUGITIVE who tried to snatch a £250,000 watch has been jailed.

Brahim Keddad, 29, grappled for the Richard Mille timepiece with a Chinese tourist but was arrested nearby by a plain-clothes cop.

Jurors heard Algerian Keddad, of Islington, North London, owed money for gambling debts. He admitted April's attempted robbery in the capital's St James's. Jailing him for 28 months, Judge Nicholas Ainley said: "It is plain he was on a mission to steal and rob."

Southwark crown court heard Keddad is wanted in Belgium where he got three years' jail for theft and forgery.

Sun SPOT

A CHOCOLATE tin made for Edward VII's coronation in 1902 – and one of only two known to exist – has sold for £1,700 at auction in Scarborough.

VILLAGE FOR £729K

AN entire Spanish village is up for sale – and costs less than the average terraced house in London.

The small hamlet of Viana do Bolo in Galicia, just 40,000 square metres, is listed for £729,000 – cheaper than the UK capital's prices at £765,000.

The village, created for workers who built a nearby hydroelectric dam, has one large main house, 11 smaller homes, a chapel, a disused tennis court and a swimming pool.

Seller Daniel García, who inherited the village from his grandad, said: "The houses needed to be renovated and no one wanted to take responsibility."

Arrest . . . Hasna

Muslim charity a 'front for terrorists'

By OSCAR JAEGER

ONE of Britain's biggest Muslim charities was used to bankroll terror group Hamas, the FBI has said.

The Al-Khair Foundation was used as a front to send money and "truckloads" of goods to leaders of the extremists in Gaza under the guise of aid, it is alleged.

Global director Mohammad Yousef Hasna was arrested in London last week and faces extradition to the US after being accused of financing and conspiring to support the Palestinian terror group.

The FBI is said to have examined encrypted messages between Turkey-based Hansa and a "high level Hamas leader".

The Al-Khair Foundation made £74million last year and received more than £9million in Gift Aid from UK taxpayers over the past five years. The charity does aid work and also runs Islamic schools here and abroad.

Scarred . . . dad Jason

Gang-hit botch left metal in my head

By ALEX WEST

A DAD was left with 100 bits of shrapnel in his forehead after being shot by gang members who got the wrong house.

Jason Franklin, 42, was blasted by mistake through his front door's glass panel after the thugs failed to kick it in.

Doctors stitched the wound to his skull caused by a DIY bullet that shattered on impact.

Jason can still feel the bits of metal doctors did not remove, saying they told him doing so would make his scarring worse.

Jason, of Bristol, is still haunted by the Easter Sunday shooting in 2010.

He said police told him and partner Keela, 36, that he was caught in the crossfire in a war between rival gangs.

He said: "The lasting damage to my mental health has been horrible. I'm devastated no one was ever arrested." Police were asked to comment.

AFTER WORLD CUP SALE ROW,

By
OLIVER HARVEY
Chief Feature Writer

WELCOMING Fifa boss Gianni Infantino to the splendour of the Oval Office, Donald Trump anointed him the "king of soccer".

Once the target for childhood bullies, the football bureaucrat from humble beginnings was now being feted by the world's most powerful man.

It was likely a giant ego boost for someone not already lacking in that department – a TV contract at the 2022 World Cup stipulated that Infantino must be pictured onscreen at every game he attended.

Yet, has the floundering Fifa chief's puffed-up self-importance now chronically clouded his judgement?

Believing he had the backing of enough of football's power brokers across the globe, he attempted to sell off stakes in the World Cup for £15billion last month.

But he had drastically overplayed his hand. Europe's governing body Uefa threatened a boycott of the 2030 World Cup.

And despite Infantino's plans being hastily dropped, the Europeans remain hell-bent on forcing a vote of no confidence in the Fifa president.

Trump's cringeworthy flattery of Infantino as footballing royalty at the White House in March 2025 was perhaps not so ludicrous. For the most powerful man in the world's most popular sport enjoys all the gilded trappings of a head of state.

Dripping in wealth – he earns around £4.5million a year in salary and bonuses – Infantino, 56, likes to travel the globe by private jet, glad-handing presidents and princes.

Before he arrived in Vancouver for a Fifa conference in April, the organisation had demanded a presidential-style full motorcade for the football administrator.

'Crass and clumsy'

The level four escort – which can ignore red lights and block other vehicles – is used for visiting US presidents and surpasses security measures laid on for Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney. Vancouver's police denied the request.

So how did Infantino become football's arch power broker? And is he now too toxic to run the beautiful game?

He was born to Italian immigrant parents in the pretty Swiss Alpine village of Brig in March 1970.

A base for nearby ski slopes and summer hiking trails not far from the Italian border, it is a world away from the cauldrons of international football.

As the youngest of three and known as Piccolo – meaning little one – Infantino suffered health complications as an infant and required a blood transfusion.

He would later tell reporters that he received blood from donors in Bristol and Serbia, adding: "I would love to meet them.

"I survived with English blood and 46 years later I am the Fifa president. It's a personal story, but I am happy to share it."

His father Vincenzo was from Calabria – the "toe" of Italy – while his mother Maria was originally from Lombardy in its north.

They moved to Switzerland in search of a better life.

Vincenzo worked night shifts on trains while Maria was employed at a newspaper kiosk at the station.

Infantino's cousin Daniel Nellen, who owns a hair salon in Brig, described Vincenzo's drive to provide for his family: "Work three days, go, stay one night and come back. When he had days off, he worked in the kiosk at the station with Gianni's mother. Then he would go again with the train to Rome, Paris, Brussels."

Yet, despite being grafters, Daniel says the family faced discrimination because of their Italian background.

The salon boss told The Athletic last year: "From the Swiss, we felt this racism. Gianni had red hair and his skin had freckles. This was not too much of a big problem. The problem more was being Italian."

SEEING RED . . . US striker Balogun is sent off at 2026 World Cup, leading Trump to ask Infantino to review the automatic one-match ban

BULLIED AS A CHILD . . . but Infantino now rubs shoulders with dictators

- BID TO SELL WORLD CUP FOR £15BN BACKFIRED
- EUROPEAN CLUBS WANT VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE
- EARNS £4.5M AND DEMANDS 'PRESIDENTIAL' TREATMENT
- HAD HUMBLE UPBRINGING... NOW FRIENDS WITH TYRANTS

Infantino touched on the bullying when he made his infamous speech on the eve of the 2022 Qatar World Cup. Reacting to the criticism of the Gulf state's human rights record, he said: "Today I feel Qatari. Today I feel Arab. Today I feel African. Today I feel gay. Today I feel disabled. Today I feel a migrant worker.

"I feel like them because I know what it feels like to be discriminated, to be bullied as a foreigner in a country. At school I was bullied because I had red hair and freckles. I was bullied. I didn't speak good German. What do you do then? You lock yourself in your room, you cry and then you try to make some friends."

The comments were described as "crass" and "clumsy" by one human rights group. His cousin Daniel said that growing up, Infantino's intelligence was "crazy," adding: "Learning was so easy for Gianni.

"He came home from school and the first thing he would do was open up Gazzetta dello Sport, the Italian sports newspaper – the results of the games, the matches, sport, sport, sport, football, football, football."

Inter Milan fan Infantino was not much of a player, his career reached only as far as the third team for local amateur club FC Brig-Glis. Another cousin, Renato Vitetta, revealed: "Let's just say he wasn't the best player."

Any hopes that Infantino had of a career on the pitch were over when he was still a primary school pupil. In a school assignment he wrote that he had set his heart instead on becoming a football lawyer. Cousin Daniel added: "I don't think that when you are 20 years old, you think about becoming Fifa president.

"But he said, 'If I'm not good enough [*to be a footballer*], I want to be the lawyer of the footballer'. Always, his idea was to make something with football."

Aged 18, Infantino stood in FC Brig-Glis's election for a new president. He promised new sponsors and revenue streams and that his mum Maria would wash the players' kit for as long as he remained president. Shocking club veterans, he won the vote. It showed an astute grasp of electioneering that Infantino would use in the future.

Studying law at the University of Fribourg, he then won a job as legal counsel and general secretary of the International Centre for Sports Stud-

FIFA CHIEF'S CROWN HAS SLIPPED

LION-HEARTED . . . England star Jude Bellingham

SUCKING UP . . . Infantino presents Trump with the Fifa Peace Prize last year. *Above*, with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Russia's Vladimir Putin at 2018 World Cup, and taking selfie by Pele's coffin

BEATEN FINALIST . . . Argentina's Messi

'He loves dictators and billionaires. When he sees people with money, he melts'
– POLITICO SOURCE

Is Infantino too toxic to run the beautiful game?

ies in the Swiss city of Neuchatel. Then, aged 30, he landed a position in Uefa's legal department.

Dan O'Toole, Uefa's former brand manager, remembers him as an "amiable" colleague.

He said last year: "In the early years, we used to go out socially and go around to his house. He was quiet, if anything. Not shy, just sort of quiet."

'He loves billionaires'

Strait-laced Infantino, who speaks seven languages, became best known to football fans as the suit who drily oversaw the Champions League draw. Rising quickly through the ranks, he became Secretary General in 2009, overseeing the expansion of the Uefa Euro 2016 tournament to 24 teams. In 2001 he married Leena Al Ashqar, who once worked for the Lebanese FA. They have four daughters.

In 2016 he defied expectations and won the Fifa presidential election to replace disgraced Sepp Blatter. With a typically sharp-elbowed campaign, he promised to expand the World Cup to 40 teams.

A workaholic, he began his tenure by flying from Geneva to Bristol on a no-frills easyJet flight to attend a meeting in Cardiff.

He told reporters: "It was the easiest and best option for me. We are normal people and we have to behave like normal people." Today his travel tastes are a little different. At this summer's World Cup it was reported he flew at least 31,144 miles by Qatari private jet, watching the likes of Lionel Messi and Jude Bellingham work their magic. Reportedly somewhat aloof while at Fifa's offices in Zurich, he was said to come alive when mixing with the rich and powerful.

An anonymous source told news site Politico: "He loves dictators and billionaires. When he sees people with money, he melts."

Nick McGeehan, from the human rights group FairSquare, said last year: "He clearly thinks of himself as a statesperson. If you don't think that power can be challenged, you start to behave like an authoritarian and feel at home with others with the same power."

In 2019 Infantino accepted an Order of Friendship medal from Vladimir Putin and moved his family to Qatar before the 2022 World Cup there. He faced widespread criticism after he took a selfie close to Pele's open coffin at the Brazil legend's 2023 wake.

He claimed Pele's teammates and family members had asked him to take the photo.

In December 2025 he personally presented Donald Trump with the much-mocked inaugural Fifa Peace Prize. By February, the US was at war with Iran. Shortly before this summer's World Cup final, Infantino told Trump: "The American dream, Mr. President, came to reality. We united the world."

In the tournament, when the US's star striker Folarin Balogun was red-carded in the Round of 32, it should have triggered an automatic one-match ban, but Trump personally called up his buddy Infantino and lobbied for a review. In a move that caused widespread anger, Fifa suspended the ban and Balogun played in the next knockout match against Belgium.

Uefa said the decision "crossed a red line" and had undermined "the integrity of the game". Many felt justice was done on the pitch when the US were thrashed 4-1.

The tournament delivered record attendances and $15billion in revenue, with 1.5billion fans around the world watching the final itself.

Infantino, desperate for re-election next March, made his move when he considered himself at his most powerful. Yet, his plan to sell off stakes in the World Cup was a cataclysmic blunder.

Now, the pompous king of soccer may soon be booted off his Fifa throne.

5M HARMED BY CHATBOT ADVICE

MORE than five million Brits have suffered after following bad advice from artificial intelligence, a survey found.

Problems range from losing money to health scares and damaged relationships.

More than two in five adults have asked a chatbot for advice on something personal. And almost half of those trust it as much as a friend or family member. However, nearly a quarter of users say the advice has caused them a real problem, including 30 per cent saying they were "embarrassed" as a result.

Almost one in five acted with no second opinion, rising to two in five for Gen Z.

One in six admitted telling AI something they have never told a person, again doubling to one in three for under-35s.

The Uswitch poll showed four in ten would even take a bot's advice over that of a qualified professional as asking was free, and faster than getting an appointment.

One in five said speaking to AI makes them more likely to later open up to friends and family.

By THOMAS GODFREY

Phone user . . . going online

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AVERAGE 4 HOURS A DAY

CONSTANTLY checking notifications and endlessly scrolling on social media is second nature for many.

On average we spend four hours a day texting, swiping or watching content on our phones.

A recent survey by Virgin Media found more than a third of that time is spent without a clear purpose – dubbed "doomscrolling".

And this kind of time-wasting is not harmless. Last month research found that social media addicts are grumpier and more stressed than those who curb their browsing.

More than a quarter of the 900 adults monitored over six months reported their online usage was at a level judged to be "pathological".

Another quarter had spent what was defined as a "risky" amount of time on their devices. Study author Dr Silke Muller, from University Hospital Essen in Germany, wrote in the scientific journal Plos One: "A negative outcome of internet use is the neglect of alternative activities.

"There are reports of neglect of work, decreased job performance and worsened academic performance due to problematic social network use.

"Daily problematic smartphone use showed negative effects on satisfaction with life."

So take LUKE CHAFER's quiz, inspired by the questions designed by experts, to determine whether your social media use is dangerous.

For each "how often" question answer: A) Never = 0, B) Occasionally = 0, C) Often = 1, D) Very often = 1. Then tally your points to determine your score and addiction rating, *below*.

Are you hooked on your phone?

Press # for YES

Press * for NO

Can't stop scrolling?

HOW often have you continued scrolling for at least 30 minutes longer than you intended?

HOW often have you opened an app after telling yourself that you would not use it?

HOW often have you checked your accounts repeatedly while you were meant to be doing something else?

Is your phone taking over?

HOW often have you chosen scrolling instead of exercising, enjoying a hobby or going out?

HOW often have you put off housework or paid work so that you could remain online?

HOW often have you paid more attention to an app than to someone who was with you?

Ignoring the signs?

HOW often have you continued scrolling – even though it was making you late for bed or causing you to lose sleep?

HOW often have you continued using an app even though its content was making you feel stressed, anxious, angry or unhappy?

HOW often have you continued using apps after they caused an argument or problem with a friend, relative or partner?

Is it disrupting your life?

HOW often have you left an important task unfinished because you spent too much time scrolling?

HOW often has your use caused you to be late, miss an appointment or forget something you needed to do?

HOW often has your use negatively affected your performance at work, school, university or home?

Hooked from early on?

HOW often have you checked an app within ten minutes of waking up?

HOW often have you opened an app automatically without deciding to do so or having a particular reason?

HOW often have you checked an app during a meal or a face-to-face conversation, even though it distracted you from the people around you?

RESULTS: 0-2 points – not problematic: Your answers suggest that your use causes little regular interference with everyday life.
3-5 – risky: Your answers suggest some difficulty controlling your use or some negative effects on everyday life.
6-15 – potentially pathological: Your answers suggest frequent difficulty controlling your use and possible harm to your sleep, wellbeing, responsibilities or relationships.

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6. Johnny B. Goode - Chuck Berry
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8. Little Darlin' - The Diamonds
9. Tongue Tied Jill - Charlie Feathers
10. Oh Boy - The Crickets (featuring Buddy Holly)
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12. Stupid Cupid - Connie Francis
13. Raunchy - Bill Justis
14. Tutti Frutti - Little Richard
15. Bo Diddley - Bo Diddley
16. Under The Moon Of Love - Curtis Lee
17. Whole Lotta Woman - Marvin Rainwater
18. Jungle Rock - Hank Mizell AKA Jim Bobo
19. Willie And The Hand Jive - The Johnny Otis Show
20. Rock The Bop - Brenda Lee
21. Go! Go! Go! - Roy Orbison
22. Hot Rock - Johnny Carroll
23. All Shook Up - Elvis Presley
24. Rumble - Link Wray And His Ray Men
25. It's Only Make Believe - Conway Twitty

DISC 3
1. Rip It Up - Little Richard
2. Rockin' Robin - Bobby Day
3. Come On, Let's Go - Ritchie Valens
4. Alley-Oop - Hollywood Argyles
5. Bony Moronie - Larry Williams
6. Dynamite - Brenda Lee
7. High School Confidential - Jerry Lee Lewis
8. Let There Be Drums - Sandy Nelson
9. Come Here Jo-Anne - Tommy Boyce
10. Kansas City - Wilbert Harrison
11. Short Shorts - Royal Teens
12. Summertime Blues - Eddie Cochran
13. Teen Beat - Sandy Nelson
14. That's All Right - Elvis Presley
15. Be My Guest - Fats Domino
16. Chariot Rock - The Champs
17. Bluejean Bop - Gene Vincent
18. Charlie Brown - The Coasters
19. Splish Splash - Bobby Darin
20. Ready Teddy - Buddy Holly
21. Wake Up Little Susie - The Everly Brothers
22. The Shape I'm In - Johnny Restivo
23. Rockhouse - Roy Orbison
24. Red River Rock - Johnny And The Hurricanes
25. Since I Don't Have You - The Skyliners

DISC 4
1. There's Good Rockin' Tonight - Ricky Nelson
2. Breathless - Jerry Lee Lewis
3. That'll Be The Day - The Crickets
4. Dixie Fried - Carl Perkins
5. The Girl Can't Help It - Little Richard
6. Do You Wanna Dance - Bobby Freeman
7. Pretty Thing - Bo Diddley
8. High Blood Pressure - Huey 'Piano' Smith &The Clowns
9. Rockin' Daddy - Eddie Bond
10. Sweet Little Sixteen - Chuck Berry
11. Honey Hush - Johnny Burnette
12. Rocking Goose - Johnny And The Hurricanes
13. Love Potion #9 - The Clovers
14. Ooby Dooby - Roy Orbison
15. Sea Cruise - Frankie Ford
16. That's My Little Suzie - Ritchie Valens
17. Robot Man - Connie Francis
18. Duck Tail - Joe Clay
19. Bottle To The Baby - Charlie Feathers
20. Say Mama - Gene Vincent
21. Little Bitty Pretty One - Thurston Harris
22. Razzle Dazzle - Bill Haley & His Comets
23. Giddy Up A Ding Dong - Freddie Bell & The Bell Boys
24. High School Dance - Larry Williams
25. Don't Be Cruel - Elvis Presley

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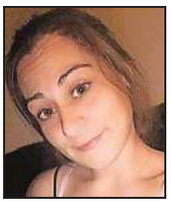

'An angel' . . . Laura

'Car pair fatal hit of mum & dogs'

By MIKE SULLIVAN

A MUM and her two dogs were run over and killed on a pedestrian crossing, a court heard.

Sedor Olmez, 20, and Roderick Mirzakhanian, 31, are said to have been in a BMW that hit Laura Sone-Demetrious, 28, on a busy dual carriageway as she took her pets for an evening stroll.

Both are charged with causing her death by dangerous driving on the A10 in Enfield, North London, in 2024.

Omez is also accused of being uninsured.

Eight of Laura's family yesterday watched the case at Highbury Corner magistrates' court.

Omez, of Haringey, and Mirzakhanian, of Tottenham, were bailed to appear at the Old Bailey on September 4.

Laura's sister Gina said after her death: "She was an angel. She danced with her dogs and even spoke to them as if they were human."

Mistake . . . job centre

Jobseek John, 57, is told to jacket in

By ALEX WEST

A JOBSEEKER aged 57 bought a new jacket, shirt and tie for a training course – then found it was for teenagers.

John Colamatheo had hoped the course would land him a job as a Universal Credit Agent for the Department for Work and Pensions.

But the former builder had been wrongly added to a charity scheme for young people.

He said: "On the Monday of the second week of training I was taken aside and told there had been a mistake.

"The job was only open to people under 30."

John, of Wrexham, has been unemployed for a year after suffering an ankle injury. He added: "I wanted to go to the training looking smart.

"I could ill-afford to spend the money but I reckoned that I would cover it after I started getting paid."

The DWP apologised.

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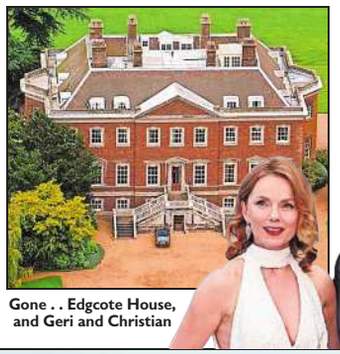
Horners outbid on home by top woman tycoon



Gone . . Edgcote House, and Geri and Christian

GERI Halliwell has been beaten to her dream home by one of Britain's most successful businesswomen.

The ex-Spice Girl and husband Christian Horner hoped to buy the mega-estate made famous by the BBC's adaptation of Pride and Prejudice.

But their bid of £45million was "blown out of the water" by a £52million bid from the entrepreneur,

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES

who we are not naming. The Sun told in June how 54-year-old Geri and former Red Bull F1 team principal Christian, 52, had been looking at Edgcote House.

The Georgian manor on the Northamptonshire-Oxfordshire border doubled as Netherfield Park in the TV series adaptation of Jane Austen's novel.

A source said: "Geri and Christian had their hearts set on Edgcote. Geri rode her horses on the gallops at the vast estate, which has its own racecourse.

"Christian even flew over the property in a helicopter, and the couple visited the tenant houses across the estate as they made their plans. But their dream move is over. They're heartbroken.

"Their celeb rival 'came from nowhere,' and her mega-offer blew them out of the water."

Grade I-listed Edgcote House was built between 1748 and 1754 and covers almost 26,000 sq ft over four floors. It has a long, tree-lined gravel drive and a large lawn slopes down to an 8.6-acre lake. The grounds were designed by 18th-century landscaper Capability Brown.

A huge attraction for horse-lover Geri was the 1,149-acre farm and equestrian facilities, including professional racing yards, training centres and a racecourse. There are 31 other houses, cottages and flats spread throughout the estate.

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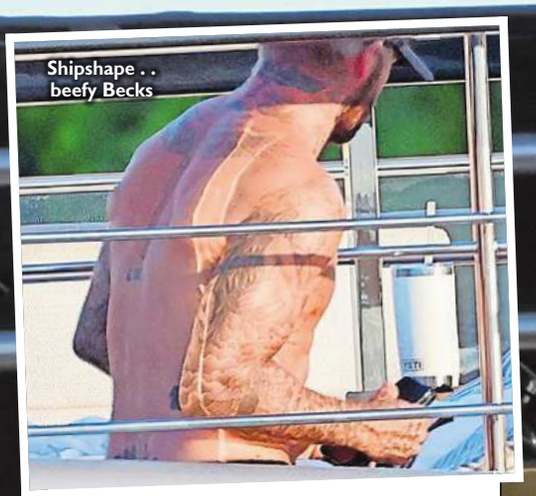
Posh's pecs on decks with Becks



Shipshape . . beefy Becks

By JACK HARDWICK

VICTORIA Beckham looks toned and tanned in hat and shades as she and husband Sir David relax on their luxury yacht in the South of France.

The fashion designer, 52, and footie legend Becks, 51, have kept a low profile along with kids Cruz and Harper since docking in Saint-Tropez.

Son Romeo and girlfriend Kim Turnbull have visited during the annual Riviera family break.

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Confession . . . Singh

Dr Ranj's in-laws 'in outing to parents'

By ROD McPHEE

TELLY doctor Ranj Singh revealed he was outed to his parents by his in-laws after confiding in his wife about being gay.

The former This Morning regular, 47 – raised in a traditional Indian Sikh home – admitted that led to a very "hurtful" conversation.

He told wife Sulvinder Samra in 2009 and they divorced in 2011.

He told a podcast: "It's taken me years to realise that I'm queer. And I was outed by my in-laws.

"My wife was the second person I told I wasn't 100 per cent straight.

"And obviously that conversation was difficult, emotional, but you know, actually really important.

"And when news started to get out, I was outed before I was even ready and . . . that was the first time my parents heard.

"And it was really hurtful. And it must be so confusing *(for them)*."

Procession . . . pet Bo

Devoted dog first at funeral of owner

By ALEX WEST

A FAITHFUL pet dog led the funeral procession for his beloved owner.

Spaniel-collie cross Bo Diddley was always at the side of Graham Price, who died at 74.

Bo rode in the hearse then the funeral director walked him ahead of mourners at the crematorium in Newport, Gwent.

Graham's daughter Cara Price, 34, said: "Bo is 15 and dad had him as a puppy.

"Having Bo there made Dad's final journey exactly how he would have wanted it."

Funeral director Nicola Webb called it "a poignant moment" leading the procession with Bo, adding: "It was clear his connection with Graham was incredibly strong."

Graham played bass for 23 years with Crazy Cavan 'n' the Rhythm Rockers. Cara said: "Dad was a gentle man with a real love of music."

FLIGHT OF FANCY

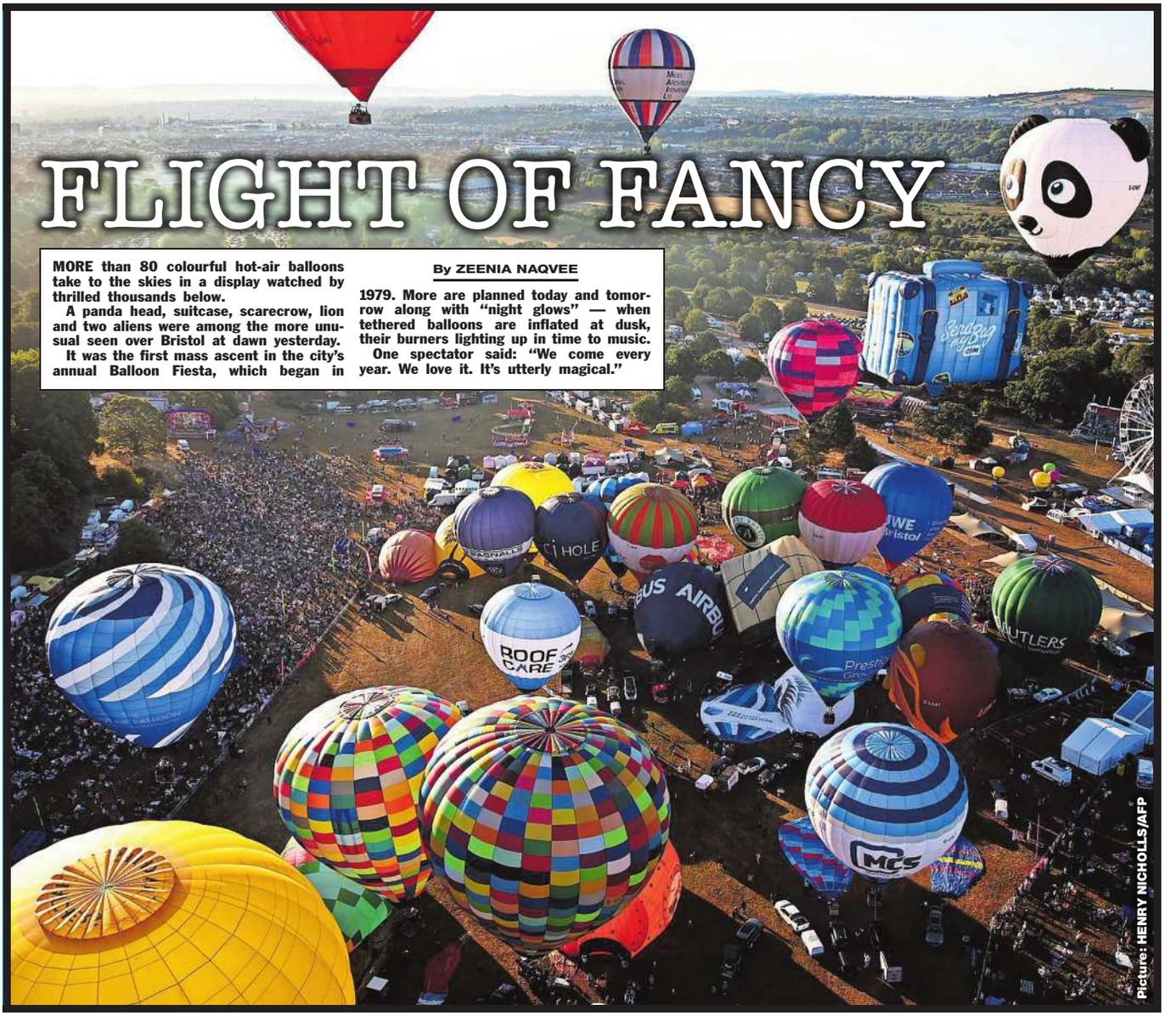
MORE than 80 colourful hot-air balloons take to the skies in a display watched by thrilled thousands below.

A panda head, suitcase, scarecrow, lion and two aliens were among the more unusual seen over Bristol at dawn yesterday.

It was the first mass ascent in the city's annual Balloon Fiesta, which began in 1979. More are planned today and tomorrow along with "night glows" — when tethered balloons are inflated at dusk, their burners lighting up in time to music.

By ZEENIA NAQVEE

One spectator said: "We come every year. We love it. It's utterly magical."



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MUSICIAN'S LEGAL BATTLE

ROCK STAR? I'M AN OAP IN A SEMI

Ex-Dire Strait blasts jibe

By JOHN LUCAS

A FOUNDING member of Dire Straits told a lawyer who called him a "deep-pocketed rock star" that he is actually just a "pensioner living in a semi".

Musician David Knopfler hit out while opposing proposals for a 1,200-home development near his home.

At an inquiry, he said the developer's barrister, Lord Banner KC, was "hoping to conjure the image of a spoilt multi-millionaire living in a large manor house with no interest in those in need of housing".

Knopfler said: "The reality is I'm a 73-year-old pensioner, an economics graduate and former social worker, living in a semi-detached, who happened to spend three years in a rock band almost 50 years ago."

David formed Dire Straits with brother Mark in 1977 but left after three years.

The band went on to sell 120 million records and Mark is worth £100million.

David, of Newton Abbot, Devon, became a solo artist.

David . . . on stage, and bottom left in band pic

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JACKO FILM SEQUEL 'NEXT YEAR'

A FOLLOW-UP to the $1billion-grossing biopic about MICHAEL JACKSON could be out as soon as next year.

Michael was released In April and JAAFAR JACKSON played the singer, *below*, who died in 2009.

Adam Fogelson, chairman of film studio Lionsgate, said of the sequel: "We are targeting a production start towards the end of this year or early next."

The new movie would most likely hit cinema screens either later next year or early 2028.

MOVIE THRILLER . . . Jafaar as Michael in biopic

Zara cash strapped

THE trouble with wearing very little is that you never have anywhere to put your cash.

ZARA LARSSON has come up with a novel solution, sharing these racy snaps of herself in a bikini with dollar bills shoved down the side of the bottoms.

The singer has just released a new remixed version of ROBYN's song Talk To Me, called Talk To Me, Zara, after they performed it in Copenhagen last month.

Their track is being lapped up by fans, so I hope Zara finds somewhere a little more fitting to stash the extra wonga that's coming her way.

FLEETWOOD MAC's **LINDSEY BUCKINGHAM** says the band are on the best terms in years after working on their Apple TV documentary – and might reunite in 2027.

The guitarist and singer said he has even fully reconciled with his ex **STEVIE NICKS**, five decades after they fell out while making the album Rumours.

Lindsey, *right*, who is in the band with **MICK FLEETWOOD**, **JOHN McVIE** and Stevie, said of the upcoming documentary : "I think the process of making that has been a very circular healing process for all of us."

Teasing that they could reform next year, he told E! News: "Stevie and I are talking all the time now.

"Next year should be a pretty interesting year. I think quite a few things will reveal themselves."

Tate a Power dresser

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EURO TOUR THEN ED OFF

ED SHEERAN is gearing up for a huge European tour next summer – but it will be his last for some time.

I've learned he is planning to take a hiatus from performing once his Loop Tour ends in 2027, after 15 years of relentless concerts.

The singer, *right*, wants to stay at home with his two daughters, who will start at a permanent school in England after spending time with him on the road.

Ed's current tour has taken him to New Zealand, Australia, South America, the US and Canada this year, and at a recent show in the States, he confirmed the news.

He said: "This is my final tour of America for probably a very, very long time. It's been so fun.

"My kids are just about to start school and I'm gonna go do that for a bit.

"This tour's running until the end of this year and then we're going to go to Europe next year."

Ed will have more time to make music at home, after writing more tracks for other artists since the release of his eighth album Play last summer.

This week, two songs he has written are in the top ten most-played globally on Spotify – **SHAKIRA** and **BURNA BOY**'s Dai Dai, and **KATSEYE**'s Animal.

So he certainly won't be skint when it comes to his break.

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SAM FENDER and OLIVIA DEAN's run at No1 for their single Rein Me In extends to a new record of 20 weeks.

Meanwhile, ARIANA GRANDE lands her sixth No1 album with Petal and also gets two songs in the top five.

SINGLES

1. Rein Me In – **SAM FENDER & OLIVIA DEAN**
2. Dai Dai – **SHAKIRA & BURNA BOY**
3. Hate That I Made You Love Me – **ARIANA GRANDE**
4. Petal – **ARIANA GRANDE**
5. Choosin' Texas – **ELLA LANGLEY**
6. Stupid Song – **OLIVIA RODRIGO**
7. Movin' To The Sun – **HUGEL, IMAEL ANGEL & ULTRA NATE**
8. Talk To You – **ANOTR ft. 54 ULTRA**
9. Free Your Mind – **PROSPA & CLOONEE**
10. Great Expectation – **SIENNA SPIRO**

ALBUMS

1. Petal – **ARIANA GRANDE**
2. The Essential – **MICHAEL JACKSON**
3. You Seem Pretty Sad For A Girl So In Love – **OLIVIA RODRIGO**
4. The Art Of Loving – **OLIVIA DEAN**
5. Visitor – **SIENNA SPIRO**
6. 50 Years: Don't Stop – **FLEETWOOD MAC**
7. The Highlights – **THE WEEKND**
8. The Ones That Got The Plays – **KATY PERRY**
9. +–=÷× (Tour Collection) – **ED SHEERAN**
10. The Great Divide – **NOAH KAHAN**

ELLIE HENMAN'S

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TATE McRAE wore a dress older than her as she joined MADISON BEER at Variety's Power of Young Hollywood event in LA.

The Canadian, *left*, who was born in 2003, borrowed a vintage Versace gown from the designer's spring 1998 collection, while singer Madison chose a pop of colour in a mini-dress.

Tate was presented with the Triple Threat award at the bash, and said her superpower was being unable to do anything "casually".

She said: "Somehow taking dance lessons as a hobby turned into going to ballet school and training 40 hours a week."

If only we all had that kind of work ethic.

JUNIOR'S 3-YEAR WAIT 'DUE TO LABEL DISPUTE'

JUNIOR ANDRE is on the verge of releasing new music, three years after his last single Only One.

Insiders claim the delay has been down to a dispute with his label.

A source said: "Junior and Rebel had a disagreement, with him raising concerns the terms of his contract appeared to be overly restrictive, meaning he couldn't put out any music on his own terms.

"He released his debut single Slide under them and it was a success. But since he dropped Only One in 2023, he's been in a stalemate. Things are moving towards a resolution and Junior can't wait to put out what he has been working on. It's not been easy but Junior is a grafter. He's got his head down and is focused on the future."

BACK . . . Junior promotes his new single

Junior, son of **PETER ANDRE** and **KATIE PRICE**, this week teased a new era in music with his track Goosebumps.

A release date has yet to be confirmed but his young fans have gone absolutely bananas for the 18-second teaser he put online.

TOWEL . . . lift scene

Jess' hot hubby

JESSIE WARE gets way too steamy in the video for new single Sauna – but it won't bother her husband Sam Burrows too much.

The singer roped him in to appear in the vid. Personal trainer Sam is seen in a lift with Jessie before getting his kit off and kissing her. The song is from her album Superbloom and Jessie, who will play her first UK and Ireland arena tour this winter, said: "I love how it makes people feel, it was made for dancing."

BANK U, NEXT

Ariana team quids in over plans to film final shows

I CAN reveal that ARIANA GRANDE has one last surprise in store for fans as she prepares to kick off her ten-date residency at the O2 Arena next weekend.

I'm told the Thank U, Next singer will film the London shows for a concert special, to be released at a later date.

It's due to spark a bidding war with streaming giants battling it out for the rights. Her run of Eternal Sunshine Tour shows that start in the capital next Saturday sold out in minutes and will be huge.

Since the Wicked actress announced on Sunday she would be stepping back from the industry, they are now expected to be bigger than ever.

A source said: "Despite all the noise around her, she has fully enjoyed returning to the stage as a pop star.

"She didn't think she would ever tour again and certainly won't for a long, long time, so she wants Eternal Sunshine immortalised.

"It's also the perfect present to her fans while she takes time away from the spotlight." Taking to Instagram this week after wrapping up her final US show in Chicago, Ari said how much she's loved performing once more.

She said: "I am overwhelmed with love and the deepest gratitude.

"Thank you endlessly for the most special, beautiful, joyful, and deeply fulfilling few months. I will cherish every moment of this time with you all and these memories forever.

"Thank you, Chicago. London, I cannot wait to see you soon. I love you all more than ever."

Before this current trek, Ariana hadn't been on the road since 2019 with her Sweetener World Tour.

That show ended up being filmed for Netflix in a seven-figure deal.

Ariana said in 2024 she was torn over whether to tour again. She revealed: "I would love to do shows. I miss being on stage, I miss my fans so much – that's the honest-to-God truth.

"I had a really hard time emotionally on my last tour, but I think that was because of where I was at."

On Sunday, a rep for Ariana shocked fans by releasing a statement confirming she is stepping back from public life.

The announcement followed her pulling out of the starring role in a West End adaptation of Sunday In The Park With George, alongside her Wicked co-star **JONATHAN BAILEY**.

TOUR FAREWELL . . . Ariana

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Duo . . Ball & Almond

Soft Cell star Ball in £2.5m kids' gift

EXCLUSIVE by THOMAS GODFREY

SOFT Cell co-founder Dave Ball left his seven-figure fortune in his will to his four children.

The synth music pioneer's sons and daughters will share the £2,516,485 remaining in his estate after tax, debts and costs.

Ball, 66, also asked to be cremated and gave £25,000 to a pal, papers seen by The Sun show.

Keyboard player Ball, who formed Soft Cell with singer Marc Almond in 1978, died in his sleep in October last year.

They performed a gig to 20,000 fans just weeks before, Ball playing from a wheelchair.

The pair found fame in 1981 with their cover of Gloria Jones's Tainted Love – the first of five UK top ten hits including Say Hello, Wave Goodbye, Torch and Bedsitter.

Almond said of Ball: "He was a wonderfully brilliant musical genius."

Trash talk . . . Nicky

Sun bin win over rubbish row Butt

EXCLUSIVE by RYAN PARRY

EX-Manchester United ace Nicky Butt has had his rubbish tip ban lifted – thanks to The Sun.

We told yesterday how the "raging" former midfielder, 51, rowed with staff after being told his Range Rover was deemed a commercial vehicle as the seats were down.

But bosses contacted us to say they do not have a policy stating that car seat positions change a vehicle's classification.

They say residents are asked at the gate what they have brought so staff can direct them to the right container.

Butt was believed to have visited the Woodhouse Lane Recycling Centre in Altrincham.

Recycle for Greater Manchester said: "We're sorry to hear about Nicky's experience, but would like to reassure him that he's still very welcome to use any of the 19 recycling centres."

LESS IS MARS, 35YRS ON

Picture: JAM PRESS

A MARS a day really was choc-full 35 years ago — as this big bar from a house clearance shows.

Cleaner Victoria Gordon found the mammoth treat earlier this week.

And her TikTok post of the bar with a modern, smaller one has already been viewed 700,000 times.

In 1991, a Mars bar weighed 65g and cost between 25p and 30p. Now, a standard bar has shrunk to 51g for £1.20. Victoria, 44, runs a cleaning company for hoarded homes, crime scenes and biohazard sites.

By LAUREN UTTLEY

She said of the North Lincolnshire find, *right*: "We come across cupboards that haven't been opened in decades. I couldn't believe the sheer size of the Mars bar in my hand. It was greater than I expected."

TRACTOR JOB FOR JAMES, 18

KING'S NEPHEW A HARVEST-HEIR

The Wessexes . . and a tractor

KING Charles has got a new farmhand on his estate — his 18-year-old nephew.

James, Earl of Wessex, has a summer job helping out at Sandringham, Norfolk.

Prince Edward and Sophie's son has been spotted driving tractors to earn some money ahead of his A-level results next week.

An estate worker said: "Everyone is so used to only seeing James smartly turned out with his family at functions at Christmas and Easter so I had to do a double take.

"He might be the King's nephew but he is more than happy to get his hands dirty and muck in. Driving tractors around Sandringham is not an easy task and it can mean long hours. But it doesn't matter how rich you are, learning a good work ethic at a young age can always help.

"The King is known for his fondness of the countryside and he couldn't be prouder knowing the younger royals share his love."

James was eighth in line to the throne when born.

He was elevated from Viscount Severn to take his dad's Earl of Wessex title when Edward became the Duke of Edinburgh in 2023.

James is now 16th in the line of succession. The Sun exclusively revealed in 2022 his older sister Lady Louise was working in a garden centre before going to university.

Louise, now 22, is on a gap year after graduating from the University of St Andrews.

At the weekend, she was pictured at a carriage-driving competition at Sandringham, finishing fourth in the novice pony class.

Boyfriend Felix Da Silva-Clamp, who met Louise at university, watched on in a cap and shades.

Sandringham boasts 2,700 hectares of farmland growing crops including wheat, rye and spelt grains. There are around 1,200 sheep and cattle.

Charles transformed the estate into an organic farm from 2017. About 3,400 hectares are run by tenants.

Buckingham Palace declined to comment on James's summer job.

EXCLUSIVE by MATT WILKINSON
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THE Fun FOR KIDS

LET'S GO 'TIGHTSEEING'!

Calling all little explorers! Your parents don't need to spend a fortune – nature's wonders are free

Report by Aneeshwar Kunchala

AS a massive fan of nature, I never get bored of getting out and about.

I can look out for birds to draw when I get home or put my arms around trees and try to figure out how many hundreds of years old they are.

Or keep my eyes peeled for animal tracks on the ground and work out what furry creatures have been taking the same path as me.

This summer, I've teamed up with Specsavers to encourage families to go "Tightseeing" – saving money on expensive sights and taking kids to see everyday things we find just as magical.

It's funny – I think our parents see a day out completely differently to us because we're closer to the ground than them.

We'll spot bark in the shape of a monster's face or a leaf in a stream that looks like a speedboat.

And now that the school holidays are here, there should be no stopping us!

BUT… I heard a bad statistic the other day: according to a Specsavers survey, parents are spending an average of £395.49 per child* over the summer holidays on big days out to big attractions.

When actually lots of kids are just like me – they love anything to do with nature, animals or splashing about in water.

All you have to do is look around you to see fun and adventure in your own back garden.

As part of the Tightseeing summer mission with Specsavers, we want families to share their favourite things to do for free in the great outdoors.

We even opened a Tightseeing tourism kiosk in London to tell people there about the ordinary yet amazing sights all around them.

And we made a Specsavers Tightseeing list of things to get out and look for in your neighbourhood.

Things like a tree that's grown so much it looks like it's swallowed up the postbox next to it in Cardiff, and a super tall birdhouse in Manchester.

Or a mossy wall in Lanehead, County Durham, that's covered with splodges of bright orange as if aliens landed and paintballed it overnight.

And what's really brilliant: on your way to find these fabulous Tightseeing attractions, you'll probably find other odd, silly or spookily brilliant sights yourselves, without spending a penny!

Nature is my favourite sight to see – whether it's a tree that looks like a stickman or a stump that looks like a drum set (as I like to call it, a stump-set), there are so many fascinating things all around us.

Tightseeing is also a really clever way for Specsavers to remind parents that a free eye test for children** isn't just about protecting their child's vision and eye health.

It's about helping them spot the wonders of the wild, which can be hundreds of pounds a year cheaper than pricey days out.

So come on, let's go Tightseeing – it's completely free and I know you'll enjoy it!!

Here are some ideas to help get you started…

FIND MORE INSPO FOR FREE DAYS OUT AT TIGHTSEEING.COM

Scan to discover more, get a Tightseeing map and book a free child's eye test**

*OnePoll survey for Specsavers of 1,000 UK parents with children aged 4-8, July 2026
**Under-16s entitled to NHS-funded eye test – see specsavers.co.uk/kidstests

HEAD FOR A TRAIL

Another brilliant way to turn a walk in the park into a game is to play I-spy, going from one person's clue to the next.

Stand still and let one player spot something – a mossy tree, a rock that looks like a hat etc.

See who can find it with just one or two clues.

If you find it, run to where it is and shout out the answer.

Everyone else then joins you and it's your turn to spot something else…

WARNING CAN YOU HANDLE THIS MUCH FUN?

PROMOTED CONTENT

WORDSEARCH

Can you find these words in the puzzle below?
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R S N E E P Q N E E
Q F A O C E F T A F
W H K M O T P R F W
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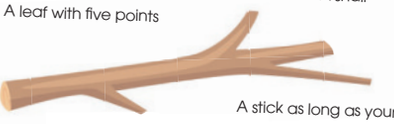
SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find ALL SIX of these things on your next day out?

A leaf with five points

A snail

A feather


A stick as long as your leg

A stone the colour of your hair

A yellow flower

5 TOP TIGHTSEEING SPOTS

Let the kids tell you what they see, and explore the stories of the places you visit – even if you've been there ten times before. There's magic in every wander!

"BUNCH OF OLD ROCKS IN A CIRCLE" NEAR MOELFRE, ANGLESEY

Historic sites all over Britain, like this ancient stone circle, can be magical places. With beaches nearby, pebble skimming and gathering shells to make pictures on the sand are must-dos too.

"18 BOLLARDS" ROYAL HILLSBOROUGH, COUNTY DOWN

This village near Belfast has a great castle, but kids love just looking around, including spotting this quirky landmark on Main Street. Seek out sculptures, huge fungi and busy birdlife at nearby (free!) Hillsborough Forest and Lake.

"OUT-OF-BUSINESS MILLS" CRAMOND, EDINBURGH

Empty castles and old ruins are brilliant places to imagine who used to live there and play Let's Pretend. At Cramond, don't forget to seek out the falls on a scenic stroll along the River Almond Walkway.

"SUPER BIG TUNNEL" ALBAN WAY, ST ALBANS

Old railway lines turned into paths are amazing places to spot birds, insects and plant life in safety, away from busy roads. Alban Way is great for walks and bike rides. Sing your favourite song in the tunnel as loud as you can!

RIVER TAME STEPPING STONES UPPERMILL, GREATER MANCHESTER

How's your sense of balance? Carefully navigating stones across the river from the Huddersfield Narrow Canal towpath to the village of Saddleworth is a fun challenge. And don't miss the spectacular Uppermill Viaduct.

Specsavers Tightseeing

Jilbab . . . file photo

NHS row on jilbab 'was not racism'

By PAUL SIMS

A MUSLIM healthcare worker sued the NHS for racism after she was told she had to wear uniform, not an Islamic dress.

Naziya Ayub was told her neck-to-ankle outfit known as a jilbab, was a "slip/trip/fall" hazard at work, an employment tribunal heard.

She refused all alternatives, such as trousers, and told bosses: "I will not be negotiating."

Miss Ayub went off sick with stress after she heard a recording of her colleagues saying she was playing the race card.

The British Pakistani had worked for the Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust for three years.

The Manchester hearing dismissed religious discrimination and harassment complaints.

It said her main concern was she did not "get her own way" and her outrage at the hearing was "somewhat artificial".

Fury . . . the match

11 football riot yobs banned for 39yrs

By ALEX WEST

ELEVEN football thugs including a 17-year-old have been banned from all matches for a total of 39 years between them.

The Southampton and Portsmouth hooligans rioted at the end of a Championship grudge match between the South Coast rivals in January.

They tore out seats and threw broken pieces, plus coins and bottles, at opposing supporters.

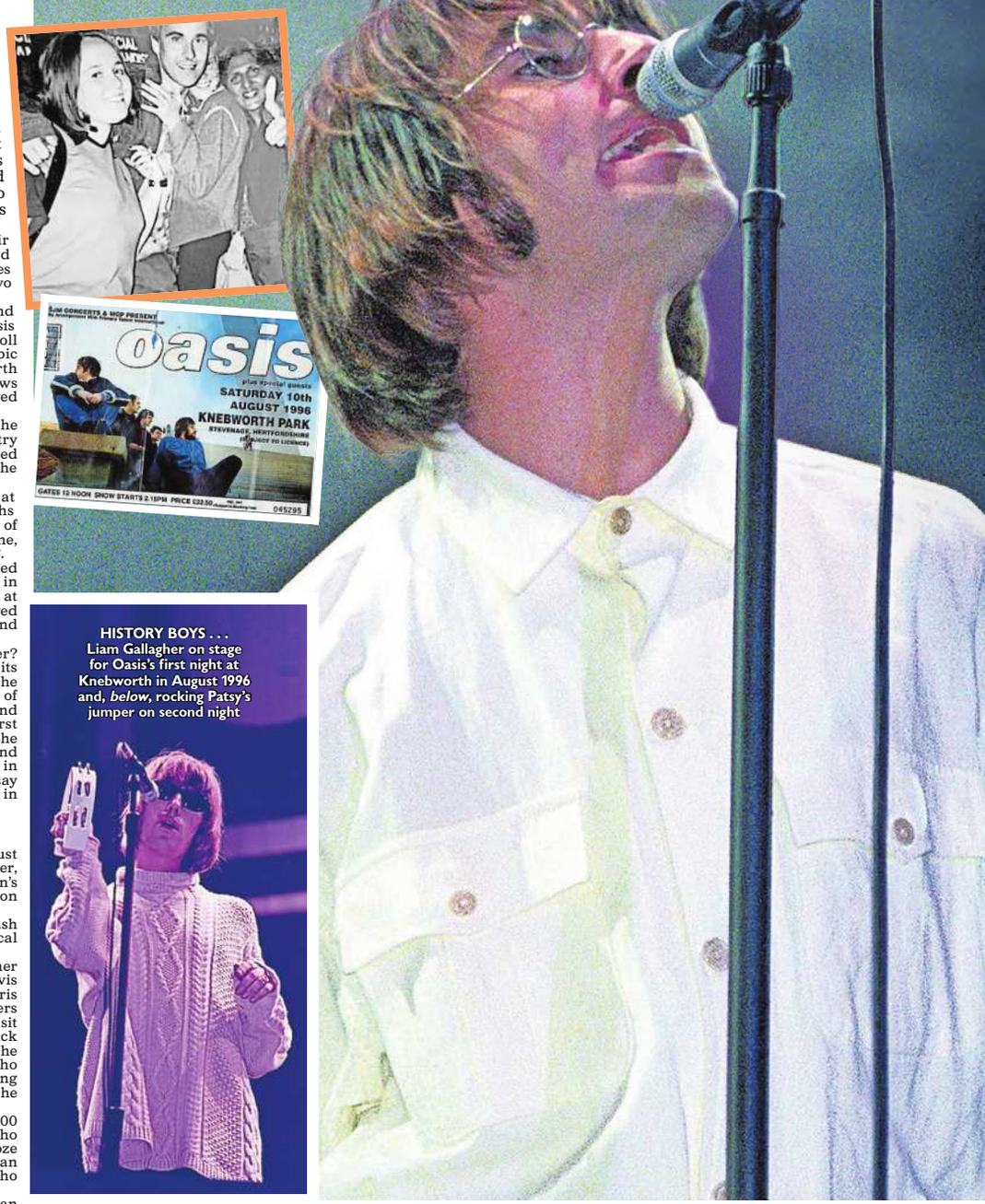
All 11 pleaded guilty to disorder offences at Pompey's Fratton Park after the 1-1 draw.

Portsmouth magistrates' court gave William Miles, 25, Aiden Dolery, 31, both of Southampton, and Jimmy Brewer, 19, of Fareham, five-year bans and hefty fines.

Eight others got three-year bans and fines. The bans cover all regulated matches from non-league to internationals. Police said: "It was luck nobody was seriously injured."

AS NOEL & LIAM SET TO APPEAR AT

By
DOMINIC MOHAN
Former Bizarre Editor



UNFORGETTABLE . . . Dominic, his sister Isabel and wife Michelle at Knebworth concert. *Inset:* ticket for the legendary event

HISTORY BOYS . . . Liam Gallagher on stage for Oasis's first night at Knebworth in August 1996 and, *below*, rocking Patsy's jumper on second night

THE 1990s was the wildest decade Britain had witnessed since the hazy Sixties – with 1996 undeniably its glorious apex.

The pinnacle of that fabled year occurred in a field just outside Stevenage, Herts, as 250,000 of us made a sacred pilgrimage to witness two mythical tribal gatherings exactly 30 years ago.

Two Mancunian brothers in their 20s, and their gang of childhood pals, had been playing to venues with capacities of 120 or so just two years earlier.

But on Saturday, August 10, and Sunday, August 11, 1996, Oasis entered the pantheon of rock and roll titans with a celebratory brace of epic concerts in the grounds of Knebworth House – among the largest live shows ever held on the soil of our beloved Blighty.

Not just anyone plays in the grounds of Baron Cobbold's country pile, which has hosted rock gods Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Queen and The Rolling Stones since 1974.

But the band had cleaned up at the Brit Awards six months previously after the success of one of the most sublime records of all time, (What's The Story) Morning Glory?.

Don't Look Back In Anger topped the singles charts soon after and, in April 1996, two homecoming shows at Manchester's Maine Road proved Oasis were a peerless and unstoppable force.

Surely it couldn't get any bigger? Britain was punching above its weight across popular culture. The Spice Girls were at No1 for most of that summer with Wannabe; England came close at Euro '96; Damien Hirst and Tracey Emin were tearing up the art world; Stella McCartney and Alexander McQueen did the same in fashion; and chefs Gordon Ramsay and Marco Pierre White were big in the kitchen.

Magic in the air

This newspaper, which I had just joined as a young showbiz reporter, was capturing this new Britain's zeitgeist, shifting almost five million print copies some days.

Tony Blair was beginning to crush the Tories and a sense of political change was palpable.

A smattering of England's summer footballing heroes, Pulp's Jarvis Cocker, model Kate Moss, Chris Evans (although he remembers nothing of it), actresses Patsy Kensit and Anna Friel, Simply Red's Mick Hucknall, and John Squire of the Gallaghers' beloved Stone Roses, who joined them for an arm hair-raising Champagne Supernova, were on the Knebworth guest list.

Legend has it there were 7,000 names on that rock and roll call, who consumed £250,000 of free booze courtesy of Creation Record's Alan McGee, the oddball Scot who discovered Oasis in 1993.

So I thought I'd speak to the man who compiled that infamous list three decades ago.

Johnny Hopkins was head of press at the band's label, Creation, and their publicist – probably one of the most stressful and hectic jobs in the global music industry back then.

I would speak to him multiple times most days about some shenanigans, run-in or scrape, which seemed to be a daily occurrence.

"The truth was wilder sometimes," he concedes as he tells me: "Seven thousand on the guest list is accurate. And that wasn't the only guest list. That was the Creation guest list.

"That didn't even include the band's guest list, Sony's guest list, and all the support bands' guests, all the promoters' guests. It was insane. It was a vast, tent. All kinds of debauchery went on there.

"One day it will come out, I guess. It was quite wild."

We paid £22.50 per ticket after the missus got lucky on the Oasis freephone line in those pre-internet days. It seemed expensive at the time, but the line-up included The Prodigy, who had two No1s in '96, The Chemical Brothers, who had one with Noel Gallagher, Manic Street Preachers, Ocean Colour Scene and The Bootleg Beatles.

You can't get a round of drinks in for that price at a gig in 2026.

The set was a blistering showcase of the band's two seminal albums, Definitely Maybe and (What's the Story) Morning Glory?, the entranced crowd reciting every word of these urban hymns.

Noel chirped, "This is history", and it really felt like that was what we were witnessing. There was a magic in the air that weekend. Those who were there will know exactly what I'm talking about.

On the Saturday, Johnny managed to locate two precious, stick-on VIP passes for me, which allowed entry to the carnival-like promised land that was the guest area.

With a little surreptitious sticker swapping, we sneaked 22 friends into the lavish hospitality paradise emblazoned with a huge banner that read "Creation Records. World Class". This was the largest of the largesse, a hallmark of the Nineties, when record companies were wheel-barrowing in cash, newspaper budgets were eye-squinting and there was excess all areas. The band even set up their own music station called Radio Supernova, which broadcast on 106.6FM across Hertfordshire.

There were all-day barbecues, caricaturists sketching punters and magicians doing magic things.

Many guests peaked early and passed out on the parched grass after one too many gratis Hooches, but there were only ten arrests and the sun shone.

The assembled Oasis tribe was young, an equal male-female split.

We met builders, supermarket workers, roofers, gardeners and students, many readers of this newspaper clad in England tops, Clarks Wallabees, cargo pants, chequered shirts and the famous three stripes of Adidas.

Johnny outlined the speed of the band's meteoric success: "In April 1994, Oasis were doing their first headline tour around the UK.

"Tiny little places like the Adelphi in Hull. Selling out the Adelphi but, like, 120 people and doing similar venues like The Wherehouse in Derby. I think they did the 100 Club in London on that tour, which again is a small venue.

"Fast forward a year, April 1995. They are doing Sheffield Arena – 12,000 people. That's nuts.

"April 1996, they do Maine Road in Manchester. About 90,000 across two days. That's pretty mad in two years.

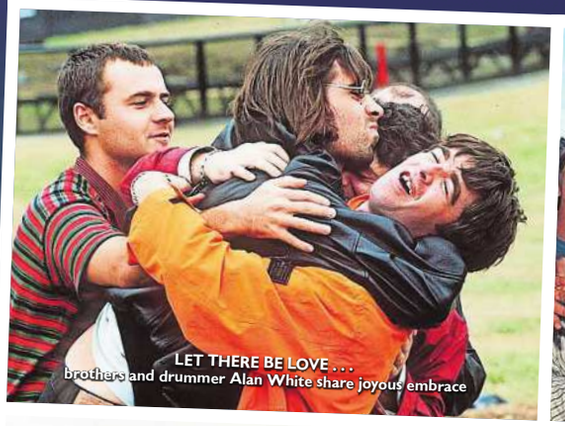
"Find another band that's had that kind of trajectory in that period, any time since or before.

"I think we must have discussed Knebworth before Maine Road.

"I didn't think it was too bold, actually. It sounded ridiculous, but the momentum was such that they were gonna do it.

"Alan McGee believed in it. I believed in it. People making the decisions were into it. We were well

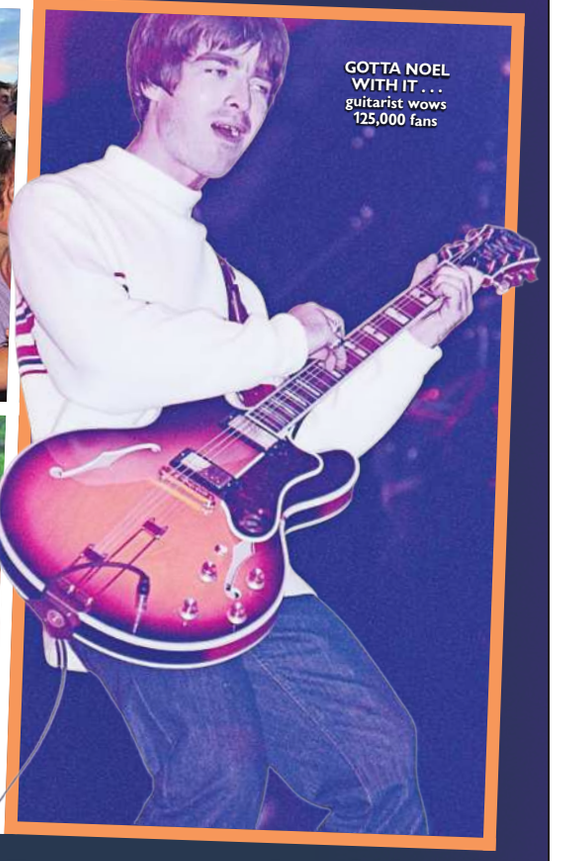
KNEBWORTH AGAIN AFTER 30 YEARS



LET THERE BE LOVE . . . brothers and drummer Alan White share joyous embrace

EUPHORIA . . . screaming fans are blown away by the band's performance

SEA OF HANDS . . . crowds go wild for Oasis, with 250,000 elated fans singing along over two famous nights



GOTTA NOEL WITH IT . . . guitarist wows 125,000 fans

Floyd, Zep, Queen...some might say it couldn't get better. Then Oasis played

up for it. Living it large. I think it went spectacularly right."

The band's favoured photographer, who captured historic images of the Knebworth shows and their rehearsals at Birmingham NEC, is Jill Furmanovsky, who has snapped Bob Dylan, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd and The Clash.

'They were nervous'

She was brought in because the label felt the band members behaved more respectfully around women, the brothers having been brought up by their God-fearing Catholic mother Peggy.

Jill told me: "There was a frenzy for tickets for Maine Road and a frenzy for tickets for Knebworth.

"There was no question that they were going to be able to sell that out. On the Friday, there was a soundcheck and it was a grey day.

"There's some great shots of them staring out on this vast, green field that went on for ever. They were smoking cigarettes rather nervously. I think, at that moment, when they saw the scale of it, they were nervous. It was certainly one of the most beautiful sites I've ever seen, especially from the position of where the orchestra were situated.

"I've seen lots of great big venues and shows, but that was particularly beautiful.

The set, the lighting and the crowd – without any camera phones, of course – were so much a part of this.

"And that hasn't changed at all, actually. That kind of relationship between the band and the crowd and the fact they were all singing."

After the first night, legend has it Liam went on such a bender he forgot they were playing a Sunday show and was forced to borrow then-partner Patsy Kensit's white knitted sweater to wear on stage.

Jill said: "It looked good on him, though, didn't it? "Well, it could only look good on him. On anybody else, it would have looked like some sort of fisherman from the Hebrides. Patsy and Liam wanted me to take their engagement photos there. My theory is that Liam learnt to pout from her, because before that he didn't do any pouting.

"It was genuinely romantic because, when the fireworks went off on the first or second night, there are some pictures of Patsy and Liam cuddling and the fireworks were all going up in the distance. It looks like you couldn't invent it. One of the enchanting and touching things about Liam is that he isn't vain, and didn't particularly want to look at pictures.

"Maybe that has changed now, but at that time he certainly was quite happy to be photographed.

"But he wasn't one who had to go over the contact sheets.

"All the trust was there.

"Noel did all the looking at pictures.

"He used to say, 'As long as I look alright', but, of course, Liam always did look alright."

BROTHERS BEYOND . . . siblings plan a 2027 return to Knebworth

The band are believed to be planning a return to the hallowed ground next summer, with licences already granted to their promoters following the success of the brothers' 2025 reunion.

If you didn't manage to make the trip 30 years ago, it might perhaps be worth considering listing one of those kidneys on eBay pronto.

For Knebworth '27 will be a moment for Brits to come together once again, link arms and chant Noel's council estate paeans, savouring that sense of community and recalling a time when the world felt safer and happier.

An epoch when we weren't chained to smartphones and computers, when music and people were better.

In 2015, Noel admitted that he could not actually recall walking out on to the stage at Knebworth in 1996.

For those of us who were there, the memories will live forever.

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SMARTPHONE SAVIOURS TO CUT COSTS ON OUTINGS

'Appy days

IF you're after a day out on a budget, remember little costs such as parking, snacking and buying bottles of water can quickly add up.

By MEL HUNTER

Arm yourself with some nifty apps to dodge the pricey pitfalls by sourcing free alternatives.

PLAY TIME: The Playground Buddy app helps you find free slides and swings all over the world. It gives little ones a chance to let off steam without parents having to pay for indoor play zones.

Take a picnic and you'll have a fun, free day out at your fingertips.

BOTTLE IT: Get the Refill Return app to find places where you can top up water bottles for free, from public fountains to coffee shops.

It will save you spending on bottled water and protect the planet from more plastic waste.

Prefer a hot drink? The app also shows places that offer discounts and rewards for bringing your own cup.

DON'T SPEND A PENNY: All too often, people caught short on a day out end up spending money in a cafe or pub just so they can use the facilities.

There's no need to do that if you have the Flush app, which flags the nearest public toilets.

NOSY PARKER: There are a few different apps to help you sniff out smart parking spaces.

Just Park helps you find cheaper spots, including on private driveways, while Parkopedia allows you to easily see different parking prices so you can choose the most budget-friendly.

Meanwhile, AppyParking+ shows you low-cost or free parking on the street.

FOOD FINDER: Download the Too Good To Go app to find cafes, shops and restaurants giving away surplus food for a fraction of the usual cost.

You can pick up bags of sandwiches, pizzas and cakes and tuck into the goodies while you're out and about.

It's a great way to find local bakeries and cafes, whether you're close to home or on a trip away.

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Tycoon . . father Billy Collard

SPORTS presenter Laura Woods supports fiancé Adam Collard as he goes to court to give evidence against his own father.

Love Island star Adam, 30, was allegedly attacked by property tycoon dad Billy Collard, 56, in a bitter row over a holiday cottage.

Collard Snr turned up alone at Newcastle magistrates' court yesterday. He previously denied assault by beating, and the case was adjourned for trial on November 27.

Adam and 38-year-old Laura, expecting their second child, left hand-in-hand and drove off in a Range Rover.

By ROBIN PERRIE

TEEN FACING PRISON

E-BIKE YOBBO SCARS BOY, 7

By ED SOUTHGATE

A TEENAGE motorbike rider who left a boy of seven scarred for life when he sped through a red light is facing jail.

Callean Wyburn was riding the electric vehicle at between 20mph and 30mph with dodgy brakes when he ploughed into the lad.

The boy, who can't be named, was knocked off his scooter on a pelican crossing in front of his mum in June last year.

A court heard he suffered a cut to his cheek, which has left a permanent scar. His jaw was fractured and he lost a tooth.

His mum said: "I carry a huge amount of guilt – I told him it was safe to cross."

Wyburn, 17 at the time, and two pals fled in Christchurch, Dorset. He handed himself in to police the following day.

In May, he admitted causing serious injury by dangerous driving and was due to be sentenced yesterday. But Poole magistrates decided a custodial sentence of 12 months was "appropriate" and sent the case to crown court in October.

In a letter, business student Wyburn said his actions were "completely stupid and unforgivable" and apologised to the boy and his family.

At court . . Wyburn

PROMOTED CONTENT

'A SIMPLE SWITCH MAKES LIFE EASIER'

Smart meters save you a job and can save you cash, says expert installer

SOME British households are missing out on a clever gadget that could save them money – and comes at no extra cost.

That's the view of Joe Tupman, who has been fitting smart meters in homes for the past five years.

"In many ways they are really simple pieces of kit – but very useful," he says.

"They help you keep track of your energy costs, and they save you the job of reading your meter."

A smart meter measures your energy use, just like a traditional meter – but it also sends the readings straight to your supplier, Joe explains.

"Basically it makes your life easier."

It means you get accurate bills, whether it's electricity or gas, without having to scrabble around in a dark cupboard.

"And it comes with a handy little display that shows your energy use, almost in real time," says Joe.

"Because you can see when your energy costs are highest, that can give you ideas about where you might be able to cut down."

'YOU'RE LESS LIKELY TO GET A SHOCK BILL – YOU CAN KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS'

But Joe says some people are still worried about getting smart meters, because they've heard rumours that the devices don't work properly or they are spying on you. Not true, says Joe.

"Smart meters are just as reliable as traditional ones, and they are very secure."

"They don't retain personal information – not even your name.

"They simply send the readings back to the supplier to work out the bills."

Top cyber security experts helped design the whole system specifically to protect against hacking.

Frequent readings are also sent to your supplier, so if you choose to pay regular monthly amounts your estimates will be based on up-to-date information, says Joe.

"You're less likely to pay too much or too little.

"And if you prefer to pay for what you use you're less likely to get a shock, because you've been able to keep an eye on things."

Joe has lost count of the number of smart meters he's fitted around the East Midlands.

But he knows that when people see them up and running – and how simple and useful they are – they become fans.

"Once people get the display in their hands, and can see how useful it is to know how much energy they're using, any doubts usually disappear.

"They start to use it to work out what's consuming the most energy in their house and ways they can save money.

"They get more energy conscious – and that has to be a good thing."

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Arrested . . . Durban

8st weed smuggle in mum's jet cases

By MIKE SULLIVAN

A BRITISH mum was caught with 8st of cannabis in her luggage after flying in to Heathrow.

Border Force officials found £512,000-worth of the drug as Amy Jayne Durban, 45, returned from Thailand.

Days before her July 6 arrest, she had written a cryptic message online to say she was "on her way home to cut the grass".

Durban, of Cullompton, Devon, admitted smuggling Class B drugs on Thursday at Isleworth crown court and was remanded into custody for sentence in October.

The National Crime Agency said the number of UK-bound cannabis smugglers was rising fast, with 600 arrested in the first half of this year.

Gangs usually approach Brits online, offering a "free" holiday and cash if they agree to be couriers.

But the NCA's Mark Abbott warned: "There are really bad outcomes."

Pic perfect . . . flower

Content crazy UK happier at snaps

By LAUREN UTTLEY

THE average Brit captures 1,040 photos and 312 videos a year, a survey has found.

More than half think social media has raised the bar, with 49 per cent posting better quality, or more polished content (42 per cent) now than they did five years ago.

Gen Z account for the most, averaging 2,028 photos and 884 videos a year – ahead of Millennials at 1,352 and 364.

Overall, 37 per cent of 2,000 adults quizzed for Samsung said they take more photos and videos than in 2021.

Occasions or settings most likely to feature in our content range from holidays (for 53 per cent of users), family get-togethers (52 per cent), pets (41 per cent) and meals (36 per cent).

The survey found 15 per cent shared food content and 12 per cent snapping mirror selfies.

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US Editor in Pahokee, Florida

WITH its neatly trimmed lawns and squat bungalows, the Restoration Destination village could be mistaken for a typical Florida retirement community.

It is only when you stop to talk with the residents that you realise this is no ordinary place.

With almost 2,500 criminals set to be freed early from UK jails next month under Labour plans to tackle prison overcrowding, I visited America's answer to the problem.

The village is made up of convicted child sex offenders, many of them recently released from prison and on probation. On the edge of the Florida Everglades, Restoration Destination – formerly known as Miracle Village and two miles from nearest town Pahokee – is a modern-day "leper colony" where sexual predators are welcomed.

Strolling through the grounds, pensioner Robert Newkirk tells me he was given 40 years in jail after being convicted of two counts of attempted sexual battery – the legal term for rape or sexual assault in Florida – of a child under 12.

Picking up his post from his assigned letterbox at the front desk, the 79-year-old scoffed that there was only "75 per cent truth" to the crimes of which he was convicted.

He said: "They charged me with attempted sexual battery, but it *was* sexual battery.

"There was a child, but they tried to embellish it. There was 75 per cent truth to it.

Sleeping rough

"Am I proud of it? No, I feel remorseful. But 95 per cent of these crimes start at home.

"It started at home between my mother and me. And as time went on I got married and I reversed the wheels.

"Do I hate what I did? If I could change it I would. Do I feel bad about it? Yeah.

"However, I know what caused it. I don't care what people think."

There are more than 32,000 registered sex offenders in Florida, with nearly 900 in Palm Beach County.

Pahokee, which is in the county, has 200 of them, nearly all living in the village. It has 198 residents, with a tiny portion of them non-sex offenders, because some family members choose to live there too.

Robert said angrily: "My kids won't speak to me, yet I got out in 2003 and my probation officers said they trusted us sex offenders with their kids more than the alcoholics and junkies they get.

"Only one per cent of every person, male or female, who commits sex crimes repeats the crime."

But a glance at his offending history on public records shows a string of arrests after his release for failing to properly register as a sex offender and violating parole.

And studies in Florida on released sex offenders show 5.2 per cent are re-arrested for a new sexual crime after five years, rising to 13.7 per cent after ten years.

In the UK, sex offenders live in supervised probation hostels, private rented housing and council accommodation, with no ban on living near a school.

Florida's laws mean those convicted of child sex crimes cannot live within 1,000ft of a school, bus stop or any other place where children might gather.

In Miami, Orlando and Tampa, the restrictions are extended to 2,500ft, making it virtually impossible for released offenders to find a place to live.

Many remain in prison or end up sleeping rough. In other states they are forced to find their own private housing which fits the restrictions, and if they can't they often end up homeless.

But there are no such restrictions at Restoration Destination, in aptly named Muck City Road, the largest community of registered sex offenders in the US.

It relies heavily on private donations which fund on-site counselling, Bible study and help with providing offenders with jobs.

They pay for their accommodation, which is around $500 (£370) a month – primarily financed by the government through social security benefits. Brochures for Restoration Destination are given out in jails, where it is promoted during sermons.

Team members who run it – who are also convicted sex offenders – see it as a rehabilitation programme.

Although many residents have to wear ankle monitors and have regular visits from probation officers, some are allowed to work in Pahokee.

One who had been caught with child abuse images on his computer serves customers at the nearest petrol station shop. I saw several mums go in with their kids, unknowingly interacting with a convicted paedophile.

When I asked him if he was comfortable with a job that puts him in front of children, he stuttered: "I don't want to say anything."

However, New Yorker Michael Anrein was keen to share his tale.

He lives in one of the village's "transition" houses, which means two or three sex offenders who are just out of jail live together to test out their interaction with the community.

Michael, 52, who was released in March, said: "It's a blessing and a curse to live here.

"The blessing is this is a place for us to stay and we aren't homeless.

"But I call this the island of misfit toys. We are cut off from everyone in this barren field.

"We are outcasts of society, basically modern-day lepers."

Like many villagers, Michael must follow a 7pm curfew and wear an ankle monitor with GPS tracking.

Though grateful to live in the village, he bristles with anger that he is on the sex offenders' register for life.

He told me: "I'm innocent. Everyone assumes the worst when you're here.

"If my picture flashed on the news you would think, 'He must have done

My kids won't speak to me, yet I got out in 2003 and my probation officers said they trusted us sex offenders with their kids more than alcoholics and junkies'
– ROBERT NEWKIRK

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PROBE . . . Sun's Scarlet at Florida paedo village and, *inset below left*, child safety sign

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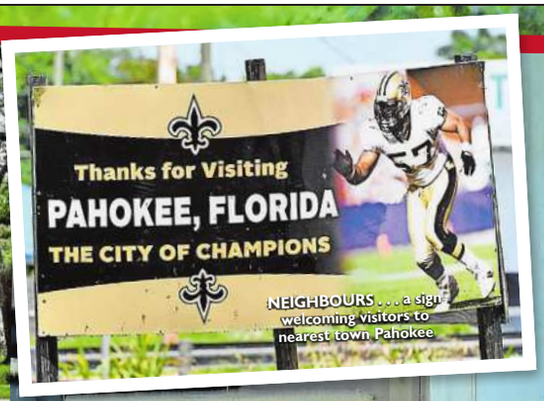
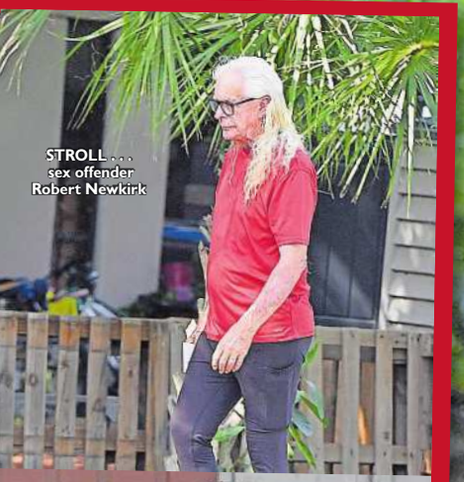
WHICH 198 SEX OFFENDERS CALL HOME

DELIVERANCE . . . the village has a church where the sex offenders can repent their sins



NEIGHBOURS . . . a sign welcoming visitors to nearest town Pahokee

HOME FROM HOME . . . residents pay around £370 a month to live in the village



STROLL . . . sex offender Robert Newkirk

. . . Michael Anrein ld Major, who both hey are innocent

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– MICHAEL ANREIN

FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT . . . one of the sex offender village's 198 residents

he quiet spot in Florida at hides a dark secret... s America's Paedo Town

ething bad'. My sister accused me my mother told her to call the ce. But my mum had mental es based on a traumatic childhood she was abused. So she assumes worst straight away."

e were then joined by Michael's m-mates, who also claimed to be ocent.

Second chance

n elderly man who called himself Dave said he had been given t years for possessing child abuse ures but claimed his computer been "hacked" and it was a big spiracy.

oom-mate Ronald Major, 66, said: idn't do what they say I did. They I raped and beat up a juvenile it's just hearsay.

got 24 years in jail but there was evidence." The laws of Florida have made Restoration Destination – which was once home to cane-cutters and called Pelican Village – an attractive option.

It was set up in 2009 by the late Dick Witherow, a pastor with the Matthew 25 Ministries church.

He saw the difficulties that sex offenders faced when trying to find a place to live.

Although they can travel pretty much anywhere during the day, at night they must be at an address that complies with residency restrictions.

Having so many sex offenders close by has unnerved some locals in Pahokee, a desolate place with few shops.

One woman who told me she was raped at knifepoint as a teenager said she is still struggling to come to terms with it decades later. And she is unimpressed with the current set-up, especially as the nearest school is only six minutes' drive away. She said: "I don't think it's a miracle at all. Maybe it is for the sex offenders, but for me it's more like a nightmare on Elm Street."

Another local, retired teacher Ruby Anderson, 63, said: "There's a lot of bad people in there. They are disgusting. They come out in packs and wear ankle monitors. They know people will beat them up so they come out together to do their shopping.

"We don't want them here. But there's a lot of money behind them from the church."

Florida State Senator Lauren Brook, who runs a sex abuse charity with her father, agrees.

She said grouping paedophiles together in one place increases the chances of reoffending.

She added: "In so many instances these individuals should never ever be allowed out for a second chance, they're ticking time bombs. It's not a question of if they reoffend, it's a question of *when* they reoffend."

But Pahokee pastor Patti Aupperlee, who supports the village's residents, told The Sun: "The place is about second chances.

"They've done stupid stuff, not horrific stuff. These folks are truly sorry and want to make amends so they can have another chance.

"They can seek support surrounded by strength in numbers."

And Restoration Destination's executive director Pat Powers – who spent 12 years in prison for molesting a child under 16 – said: "If you are under house arrest, you're alone by yourself and guess what you've got? This mind – the greatest 'television' in the world.

"You don't want them alone. You want them out doing stuff. You want them occupied." Even so, I found it unnerving to see a road sign warning residents of children playing – perhaps a remnant of the past, but there are reports that a few children do live here.

Florida's laws don't stop paedophiles living in the same neighbourhood as minors, although their terms of probation may ban them from having any contact with them.

A search on the state's database of sex offenders living in the community brings up dozens of men who have molested children.

In the UK, nearly 9,000 victims of serious sexual or violent crimes have been warned their attackers are set to be freed early from September.

In light of this, perhaps Labour might consider its own paedophile village.

For, as one local put it: "At least we know where they are and they are all in one place."

Fab DAILY

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HOT IN ...and the towns...

'I'm passionate about group sex'

ELIZABETH HALTON, 42, director of the doctoral school at University College London, has been enjoying group sex – including threesomes and foursomes – since her last long-term monogamous relationship ended in 2012.

I'VE known I was bisexual since my teens. But when I found out my boyfriend of three-and-a-half years was cheating on me in 2012, my way of dealing with it was to see if the other woman would be willing to have a threesome with us both.

She was up for it – and since then, I've enjoyed group sex with many other people.

It started after I Googled "unconventional relationships in London" and on one dating site, I met a guy who knew lots of women interested in non-monogamy. At the time, it was still very fringe.

Currently, I'm "friends" with three couples, who are also in open relationships.

Sometimes I have sex with just one of them, one on one, sometimes both. But sometimes we're just friends and we go for drinks, dinner and even birthday hotel trips.

For me, group sex is like bespoke porn.

There's a joke that it is better in odd numbers as in a four, it can become swapsies.

But when it works, and you don't know whose hand or mouth is where, it's amazing.

Non-monogamy doesn't mean I'm not serious and committed. I would love to have a life-long primary partner but hopefully, acceptance of the movement will keep on growing.

'We love doing it outdoors'

PART-time model Carron Burley, 59, regularly enjoys outdoor sex with her husband Ray, 71, a builder from Sheffield, and believes it is the secret to their lasting relationship.

OUR sex life is always hot and passionate because Ray and I mix things up, especially in the summer.

I have a passion for naked gardening and can often be found mowing the lawn in the buff while Ray wanders around working on his tan.

Because of this, one thing often leads to another. It's only natural.

Our house is detached and backs on to fields, which usually stops prying eyes. But there have been a couple of occasions where gawping ramblers have caught us in the act.

Since our first outdoor experience in 2012, we must have spent hundreds of hours naked rambling together. And we're not alone, as 17 per cent of people who took part in the Summer Sex Survey said they are well up for some public exhibitionism, especially in the summer months.

We have had sex in many outdoor locations, including secluded Asian beaches, under a tropical waterfall and even during a shady forest hike.

But we've both been bitten by bugs during our outdoor sessions and on some occasions, we get a bit carried away and end up butt-naked in a patch of brambles or thorns, covered in scratches.

People think your love life slows down in your sixties and seventies, but we're at it up to six times a week.

We've made an OAP sex bucket list which includes making love on a mountain top, trying naughty lingerie and visiting a naturist beach.

We plan to still be indulging in outdoor romps well into our nineties.

How often are you actually getting it on?

- **30%** Several times a week
- **23%** About once a week
- **21%** A few times a month
- **10%** Less than once a month
- **7%** Exactly once a month
- **5%** Every. Single. Day.
- **4%** Not telling

Have you ever welcomed a threesome?

- **79%** Stick to the two's company rule
- **18%** Throuple experience or casual group session
- **3%** Tight-lipped on headcounts

Have you ever tried an open relationship with a bit on the side?

- **90%** Strictly one partner only
- **8%** Have had open relationships
- **2%** Prefer not to tell us if they share

If you are "open" does the 'free pass' rule only apply on holiday?

- **63%** Yes, at home we're a closed couple
- **36%** Open-love policy is 24/7
- **1%** Wouldn't spill the holiday gossip

HITTING THE SPOT How regularly do you actually hit the big O?

- **34%** Often
- **33%** Every time
- **21%** Only sometimes
- **6%** It's a rare treat
- **4%** Not telling
- **2%** Never get there

How easy do you find it to talk dirty and tell your partner what you like?

- **42%** Fairly comfortable
- **39%** Very comfortable
- **13%** Not very comfortable
- **4%** Not at all comfortable
- **2%** Too shy to say

Does the heatwave make you fancy an outdoor romp?

- **55%** Less likely - too hot to get sweaty
- **35%** Could be tempted/ well up for it
- **10%** Can't say/ won't say

FROM outdoor romps and open relationships to frisky festivals and group sessions . . .

Many of us are enjoying a scorching summer so far – and not just because of the weather.

People across the country are turning up the heat, according to our Ultimate Summer Sex Survey of 2,000 adults, which found nearly a third of Brits are having sex several times a week.

And the hotter weather seems to bring out people's adventurous side, with lots of you saying you become more experimental in the bedroom during the steamy summer months.

Here, YASMIN HARISHA speaks to some of the people who are enjoying a sizzling time – in more ways than one.

'For me, group sex is like bespoke porn . . . it's amazing' – Liz

Does a bit of sun get you feeling extra affectionate?

- **63%** Yes, feel more amorous
- **22%** Sticky heat is a real turn-off
- **9%** God yes, strip and go
- **6%** Just aren't sure

When on holiday, does your inner wild child come out?

- **32%** Bedroom behaviour stays the same
- **31%** Let their hair down
- **29%** Become spontaneous holiday romantics
- **5%** Are way more cautious when abroad
- **3%** Just stay at home

Which of these juicy summer perks do you look forward to most?*

- **44%** More quality time with partner
- **35%** Exciting new experiences
- **28%** Being way more physically affectionate
- **21%** The thrill of meeting new people

*Multiple choice options

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THE CITY TONIGHT

and the suburbs...and the countryside

'Gawping ramblers have caught us in the act a few times' – Carron

What's your prime time for bedroom action?

32% Late at night	
24% Cheeky evening romp	**19%** Whenever, go with the flow
13% Love a bit of morning glory	**6%** Save it up for wild weekends
5% Afternoon delight	**1%** Only when on holiday

Have you ever ticked any of these cheeky events off your bucket list?*

- **12%** Hit up a proper singles or dating party
- **10%** Mingled at an organised singles mixer
- **8%** High-pressure environment of speed dating
- **8%** Put themselves out there at a matchmaking event
- **6%** Stripped off at a proper sex party
- **4%** Let it all hang out at a sex festival
- **3%** Checked into an exclusive sex retreat
- **2%** Keeping their scandalous event history secret
- **74%** Total angels who have never been to any of these events

*Multiple choice

If you do watch porn solo, how often?

55% As an infrequent treat	**24%** Watch every week
13% Have a monthly date	**5%** Hardcore daily users
3% None of our business	

SCREEN TIME Ever watched adult films?

- **66%** Confess to having watched a bit of blue content
- **29%** Claim they have never even peeked
- **5%** Wouldn't share their browser history

What is it about the summer that gets your motor running?

*Multiple choice options

- **70%** The sunny weather puts them in a much better mood
- **47%** Because they are away on holiday or travelling, so more relaxed
- **35%** Love having more free time on their hands
- **25%** Put it down to more socialising and summer boozing
- **2%** Have other secret summer triggers
- **1%** Say none of this applies to them

What's your go-to position when it comes to sex?*

- **54%** Classic missionary
- **48%** Wild doggy style
- **32%** Cowgirl position with her on top
- **18%** Flip it around for a reverse cowgirl
- **9%** Have other gymnastic favourites
- **6%** None of the above float their boat
- **13%** Too shy to tick a box

*Multiple choice options

Are you a creature of habit or a wild experimentalist?

- **43%** Occasionally try new positions
- **39%** Just stick to what they know well
- **12%** Wild thrill-seekers who regularly mix up positions
- **6%** Prefer not to say how they play it

Got any toys hidden in the bedside drawer?

- **57%** Say their bedroom is strictly au naturel
- **40%** Have a buzzing collection of gadgets
- **3%** Keep the drawer locked

Have you ever sent a cheeky, flashing nude to someone?

- **66%** Swear they have never sent an intimate pic
- **31%** Have proudly hit send on a dirty selfie
- **3%** Hiding behind the lens

'Up for summer of swinging'

HAIRDRESSER Tanya Marum, 36, and husband Ash, 33, a businessman from Leeds, have lots of sex festivals and swinging holidays planned.

WE first became curious about swinging in 2019, after a friend asked us to have a threesome. We said no because we didn't want it to ruin our friendship, but their offer got us talking.

Ash and I both admitted we fancied trying the sex club scene as a couple. We visited our first one that summer – and haven't looked back since.

We have had sex while other people watched in what is known as the "viewing area" at a festival, or a "viewing room" in a sex club, and we regularly attend swinging festivals, clubs and holidays where we have sex with other couples.

And we're not alone – as 18 per cent of people told the Summer Sex Survey they have had a wild throuple experience or full-blown group sex.

We also run events which introduce newbies to swinging clubs, and we have a YouTube channel where we teach people about the lifestyle.

Summer is when all the festivals take place in Europe because the weather is good.

Many people assume swingers' clubs and sex festivals are shrouded in mystery and stigma.

And while that perception still exists – 74 per cent of people who took part in the Summer Sex Survey said they had never had a threesome or attended a sex party – the reality is often very different from what they imagine.

We have met people from all walks of life, including Gen Z couples, retirees, doctors, lawyers and shop owners. Communication is key, and we always check in with each other during events.

The best part is that when we get home, we have what we call reclaim sex, which is always hot.

'Hols hook-ups work for us'

CHEF Ejiro Murolo, 38, and her husband Antonio, 43, a security guard from Southend-on-Sea, Essex, are in an open relationship which first began when they were on holiday four years ago.

IT was love at first sight when we met in July 2019 and we married five months later.

From the start, we were honest with each other about what we wanted in the bedroom – Antonio told me he had a high sex drive, while I admitted mine ebbed and flowed.

We were having sex up to five times a week but my 15-hour shifts in the kitchen took their toll.

I decided Antonio could have one-off flings with other women, as long as he followed my rules.

We were on holiday in Greece in August 2022 when we put our new arrangement to the test. We agreed that if we were abroad, there was no chance of bumping into someone we knew – like there would be back home.

Antonio used a dating app to find women interested in holiday romances and met a 45-year-old American woman celebrating her divorce.

He told me about their night of passion over breakfast the next morning. I felt jealous, but it was just sex.

Since then, Antonio has enjoyed several more flings and says summer is the peak time for no-strings-attached fun.

We're not alone – 63 per cent of people confess to having open rules while on holiday.

We still have sex three times a week, and Antonio puts a lot of effort into date nights. But this year, he's hoping for at least five summer hook-ups – we've agreed he can have six a year.

dear deidre

No matter what the issue, I answer every single problem

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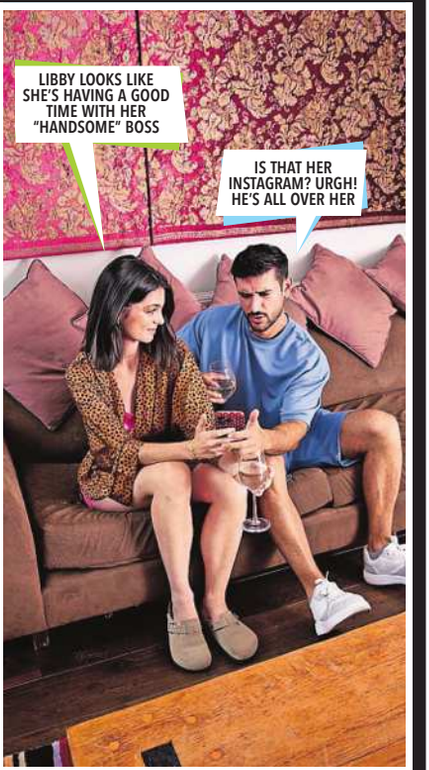

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CONTINUES TOMORROW

I resisted kiss...but marriage is empty

Dear Deidre

COMING within a hair's breadth of straying has made me face up to how empty my marriage has become.

I'm not the cheating type but I feel more like my wife's flatmate than her husband. Can our marriage be saved, or is it too late?

I'm 43, my wife is 41 and we tied the knot 14 years ago. We have a teenage son.

We don't argue . . . we barely speak at all. We eat in silence, spend every evening staring at separate screens and go to bed at different times.

Honestly, I can't remember the last time we kissed, let alone had sex.

I've tried talking to her about it so many times. She agrees we have drifted apart, and we both pledge to make more effort. But after a few days, everything goes back to how it was, as if we had never had the conversation.

My real wake-up call came a few weeks ago, at a leaving do. A colleague, who has always been friendly, stayed behind chatting with me.

We were in stitches. I can't remember the last time I laughed like this with my wife.

I offered to walk her to the station and, as we arrived, she took my hand.

For a split second I wanted to kiss her. I actually leaned in before pulling away and making an excuse to leave.

Even though nothing happened, I can't stop thinking about how alive I felt.

It wasn't really about my colleague, though she is an attractive woman. It was about remembering what it feels like to be listened to and wanted.

Ever since that evening, I've been fantasising about her, imagining what could have happened.

I feel guilty, just for thinking about it. I don't want to cheat but if things don't change, I feel it's almost inevitable. What should I do?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: There's no such thing as "a cheating type". Being very unhappy can make people behave in ways they don't expect.**

It's admirable you've realised you're on the brink of an affair and want to try to repair your marriage, rather than give in to temptation.

You've tried talking to your wife but you keep having the same conversation and it's going nowhere. Instead, tell her honestly that your marriage is at a crossroads and something needs to change if it's to be saved.

Couple's counselling could be the answer. It would allow you both to talk openly in a safe space. You can contact Tavistock Relationships (tavistockrelationships.org) to make an appointment.

If she's willing to fight for your marriage, there's still hope. If not, it might be time to agree to separate.

HERE TO HELP YOU

IF YOU are worried about anything please get in touch with my team of counsellors and we will do our best to help you. Every email receives a personal response.

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Dear Deidre

FINDING out that my new boyfriend has got in touch with my toxic ex has really disturbed me.

I don't understand why he would do it when he knows he hurt me so much.

I'm a 34-year-old woman and have been dating my new boyfriend, who is 37, for six months. He's funny, kind and handsome and I thought everything was going well.

My last boyfriend was the complete opposite. He was controlling and manipulative.

It took me two years to finally leave him.

My current partner knows how badly I was treated. He has seen me have panic attacks about it.

So imagine my shock when my ex messaged me saying, 'Thought you should know your new guy's been in touch.' I assumed he was lying to stir up trouble, but then he showed me screenshots proving they'd been chatting about me.

Why would someone who loves me go behind my back and contact a man he knows made my life miserable?

Did he do it to check out my stories? What other reason could he have?

I don't know how to handle this. Am I overreacting?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: No, you are not. Whatever his motives, he has been dishonest and he has contacted someone who he knows hurt you, instead of speaking to you directly.**

You need to speak to him about this calmly. The answers he gives, and whether he understands why you're so upset, will help you decide whether you want to continue the relationship and if you can rebuild trust.

My pack, Standing Up For Yourself, should help you have this conversation.

THANK YOU FOR... HELPING ME TO MOURN MY WIFE

Dear Deidre

I WANTED to thank you for the kindness and support you gave me after I contacted you following the death of my wife of 48 years.

She had died from cancer just four weeks after her diagnosis, so I was shell-shocked. My daughter and I barely had time to process what was happening before she was gone.

She passed away just before her 75th birthday. We had hoped to celebrate together, but instead we just raised a toast to her.

When I wrote to you, I asked for your Coping With Bereavement support pack because I hoped something in it might help me cope with losing my life partner. Your reply was compassionate and reassuring. You explained that grief comes in waves and that there is no correct timetable for healing.

You also encouraged me to seek support rather than struggle alone.

Having your help lifted a weight from my shoulders.

I've read the pack several times, and followed its advice to have some grief counselling sessions.

Although I'm still grieving, and I know that won't change overnight, I no longer feel quite so alone.

Thank you for your warmth and understanding. It made a difference.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: I'm glad the pack was helpful and that talking to me gave you comfort. Grieving is hard, but in time, I hope you will be able to enjoy happy memories.**

LOVE BOMBER HAS MADE ME FEEL I'M GOING CRAZY

Dear Deidre

IT'S taken me 20 years to realise that my partner doesn't really love me – he just love bombs me.

I know I need to walk away but I'm not sure I'm strong enough.

I'm 42 and he's 44. When we met, 21 years ago, he swept me off my feet.

He was so intense and affectionate, he made me feel like I was his whole world. He would buy me thoughtful gifts, such as a dress I'd seen in a magazine and said I liked, that showed he had listened to me like no other man ever had.

He was so romantic that all my friends were jealous of me.

But once we moved in together, he started becoming critical and picking fights. He could be really nasty and when I complained, he would tell me I was selfish and narcissistic and that he should have left me years ago.

After hurtful arguments, he would switch again and be loving and apologetic. He'd promise everything would change. Stupidly, I would believe him and stay. He made me feel it was me, not him, that was the problem.

Once, I made a real effort to leave him. But he pulled me back by transforming into the lovely man I had first met.

Of course, it only lasted a few months.

I feel exhausted and confused. Sometimes I think I'm going mad. Please help.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: You're definitely not going mad. Love bombing is powerful. It makes you question how someone so thoughtful, kind and loving could possibly ever be cruel.**

But make no mistake, your partner is emotionally abusive. He is gaslighting you to make you think you are the problem.

My support pack, Abusive Partner, will tell you more about this type of relationship, and where to find help. My other pack, Addictive Love, explains how unhealthy relationships can be so intoxicating.

Leaving him won't be easy, but you deserve to be in a relationship where you feel safe and cherished.

TEENAGE TROUBLES

Dear Deidre

AFTER a year at university, I'm still a virgin. I thought this was the place I'd finally come out of my shell and meet a girl. But nothing has changed.

I'm still the same shy 19-year-old lad I was when I arrived. I have no confidence and freeze when I talk to girls.

I've tried dating apps too but I never get anywhere.

All my mates have girlfriends or hook-ups, and I'm the only virgin left.

Now I'm terrified I'll end up alone for ever.

How can I change this?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: It might not feel like it but you've still got loads of time to meet someone.**

Losing your virginity isn't a race. Stop putting so much pressure on yourself.

Instead of focusing on having sex concentrate more on making connections and friendships with girls, so a relationship can happen naturally.

My support pack, Learning About Love, should help.

hot topic

CONCERNS about penis size can knock your confidence and make intimacy feel stressful.

While it's easy to compare yourself to unrealistic ideals, the fact is that size is rarely the key to a satisfying sex life.

If these worries affect your self-esteem or relationships, my support pack, Penis Size, can help.

GET IN TOUCH

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

EASY

2	4	6	7	1	9	3	5	8
5	7	3	6	4	8	2	1	9
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TEASER

1	7	4	9	5	8	2	6	3
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TOUGHIE

8	7	3	1	9	6	4	5	2
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1	4	5	7	6	9	8	2	3
7	3	8	4	2	1	5	6	9

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SUNDIAL

See how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word.

You can make at least one word using all of them.

Don't use the letters more than once in any word.

No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary.

BRILLIANT: **41**
EXCELLENT: **35** GOOD: **25**
GREAT SCORE FOR KIDS: **20**

YESTERDAY: Abed, abhor, aboard, abode, abrade, abraded, abroad, adobe, bade, bard, bare, bared, bead, bear, beard, boar, board, boarded, bode, boded, bohea, bore, bored, brad, brae, bread, bred, broad, debar, dobra, drab, herb, rehab, robe, robed, HEADBOARD.

Check today's answers by calling 0905 757 0155 before midnight. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your phone company's network access charge.

WIN! £50 WORDSEARCH

The 16 words listed below are all to do with bottles, but which one isn't in the grid?

H	S	U	G	M	F	J	N	N	T	BODY
R	S	N	N	D	A	B	O	D	Y	CORK
O	A	T	E	H	A	L	U	S	R	FOIL
I	L	A	G	C	E	E	C	N	M	GLASS
S	G	O	O	S	K	R	R	T	P	JUICE
L	D	R	S	R	E	A	I	H	N	MILK
E	K	E	O	W	T	L	A	B	T	NECK
E	V	J	T	R	A	H	U	I	N	PLASTIC
V	O	O	U	E	A	T	Y	D	R	RECYCLED
E	P	G	S	I	E	N	I	W	M	REUSABLE
L	K	D	E	L	C	Y	C	E	R	SCREWTOP
A	I	L	N	A	P	E	S	L	O	SEAL
B	T	R	I	F	I	E	H	I	U	SLEEVE LABEL
E	A	N	S	M	E	O	C	O	D	THREAD
L	P	L	A	S	T	I	C	F	R	VESSEL
										WINE

How to enter for a chance at the £50 prize: See puzzle page 3

MINDBENDER

The following twelve pairs of letters can be put before and after the letters "NS" to form six six-letter words:

AI	EL	SE	CE	OR	UL
BO	OM	TI	CO	RA	US

Can you work out what the six words are? Answer tomorrow.

PATHFINDER

Beginning with the letter B in the shaded square below, follow a continuous path through the grid to find 15 words to do with the heart. The trail passes through each and every letter once, and may twist up, down or sideways, but never diagonally.

L	L	I	P	M	U	I	A	C	E	Y
A	R	Y	A	C	B	D	R	I	P	R
E	N	A	T	O	L	M	A	R	T	E
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R	C	U	M	D	D	R	A	T	A	C
E	A	M	Y	O	C	A	O	R	R	D
K	V	V	E	R	I	E	A	T	A	I
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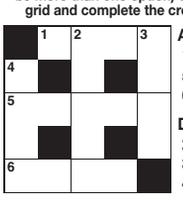
M	E	O	R	O	N	A	N	C	U	M
A	C	C	I	A	R	R	Y	H	C	C
P	E	L	R	U	E	B	M	A	R	I

AORTA
ARTERY
ATRIUM
AURICLE
BLOOD
CAPILLARY
CHAMBER
CIRCULATION
CORONARY
EPICARDIUM
MYOCARDIUM
PACEMAKER
PERICARDIUM
VENA CAVA
VENTRICLE

ANAGRAM

Correctly solve the anagrams (there may be more than one option) to fill in the grid and complete the crossword.



ACROSS
1 DIET
5 CLEAN
6 MEGA

DOWN
2 MINED
3 REET
4 GULP

Calls for extra clues and answers last no longer than two minutes (Sundial answers may vary). Helpline: 0333 202 3390 (9am-5.30pm). Service provider: Spoke, W1T 4HD

the BIG quizword

ACROSS

1 Cocktail made with whisky, bitters, water and sugar (3,9)
8 Caribbean country, capital Havana (4)
12 North Pole's sea (6,5)
13 Surname of the lead singer with the Who (7)
14 South African seaport (6)
15 Representation of the Virgin Mary cradling the dead Christ (5)
16 Young salmon (6)
20 First No.1 hit for Will Young (9)
22 Chicken in a thick white sauce (9)
23 Surname of Irish comedian Dara (1,6)
25 Madonna musical set in Argentina (5)
26 First name of Spanish-born film director Buñuel (4)
29 Light machine gun (4)
30 Surname of Loose Women regular Coleen (5)
31 Dance immortalised in song by Cole Porter (7)
35 Alternative name for the mountain ash (5,4)
36 English city with the De Montfort university (9)
38 Dairy cow breed (6)
39 Police officers' letter after Alpha and before Charlie (5)
40 Famous Edinburgh college (6)
44 South Pacific islands, once called the New Hebrides (7)
46 Mozart opera about a famous seducer (3,8)
47 Dutch cheese with a red coating (4)
48 First ever winner of two consecutive Best Actor Oscars (7,5)

DOWN

2 Spy novelist who wrote Smiley's People (2,5)
3 Ms Kahlo, Mexican artist (5)
4 Cotswolds market town, familiarly (4)
5 People from Portugal or Spain (8)
6 Dolly Parton film and song (4,2,4)
7 Singer whose hit Thank You was sampled by Eminem in Stan (4)
8 Ugly-looking vegetable (8)
9 Unit of atmospheric pressure (3)
10 Surname of 1950s actress Ava (7)
11 Mountains between France and Spain (8)
17 County Antrim city (7)
18 Female star of Indecent Proposal (4,5)
19 Girl band that won The X Factor in 2011 (6,3)
21 Helen Worth's former Corrie character (4)
24 Late 19th-century conflict in South Africa (4,3)
27 Cornish town on the Camel estuary (10)
28 Period over Christmas (4)
29 Capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina (8)
32 Bowling method used in rounders (8)
33 Language family that includes Polish and Czech (8)
34 Former German state on the Baltic coast (7)
37 1997 Winslet/DiCaprio film (7)
41 Immature eel (5)
42 Surname of Heart Skips A Beat singer Olly (4)
43 French fashion designer (4)
45 Homer Simpson's neighbour (3)

ANSWERS TOMORROW

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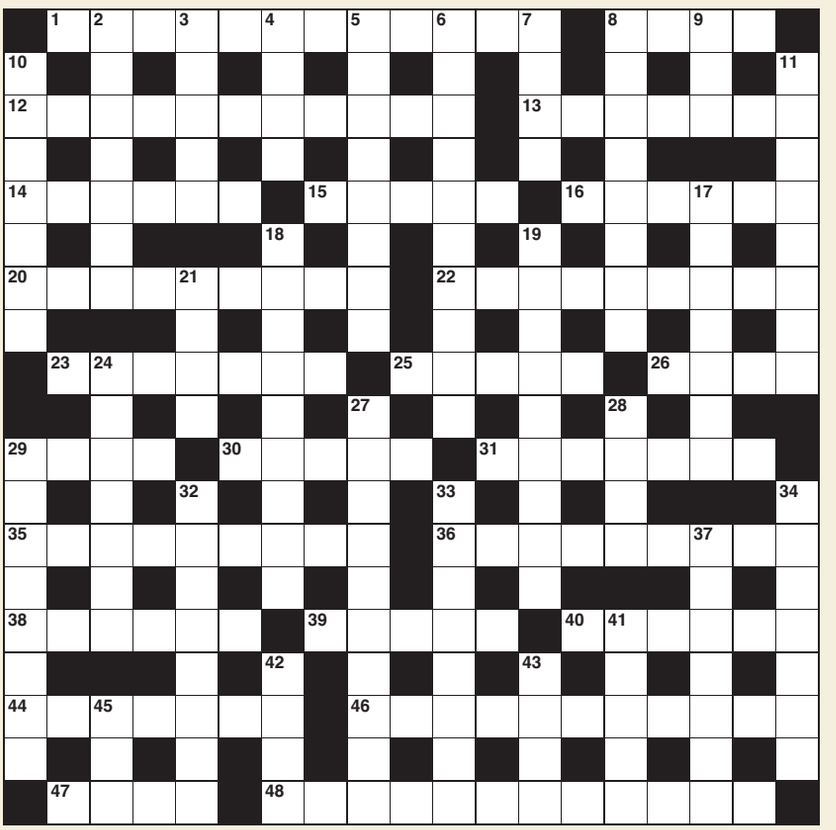

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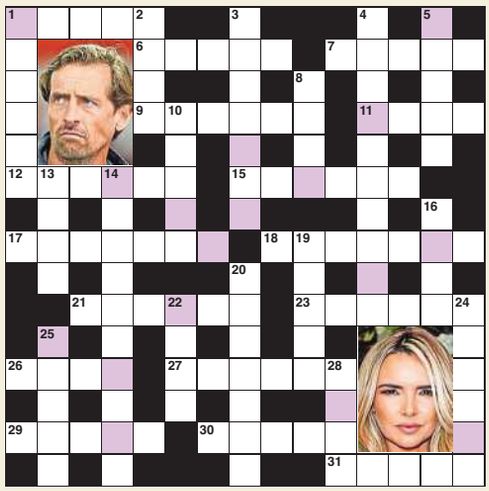
crossword

WIN! £100

Complete the clues below and rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out the name of an actor (8,9).



ACROSS

1 Kramer's first name in Seinfeld (5)
6 ___ Crouch, former footballer (5)
7 Music For A ___ Restaurant, Harry Styles hit (5)
9 Thandiwe ___, actress (6)
11 Billy ___, Titanic actor (4)
12 Jennifer Aniston's character in Friends (6)
15 Stephen ___, award-winning actor (6)
17 Surname of Bullitt star Steve (7)
18 Mr Scheffler, champion golfer (7)
21 Heath ___, late actor (6)
23 ___ Freeman, The Shawshank Redemption actor (6)
26 First name of Irish comedian Mr Ó Briain (4)
27 ___ Oh, Killing Eve actress (6)
29 Mr Urban, country singer (5)
30 Bruce ___, Batman's alter ego (5)
31 ___ Balding, BBC TV sports presenter (5)

DOWN

1 Helena Bonham ___, actress (6)
2 ___ All Hours, Ronnie Barker sitcom (4)
3 Hitchcock film of 1958 (7)
4 Clive Myrie on Mastermind, for example (10)
5 ___ Richie, comedian and actor (5)
8 ___ Taylor-Joy, Peach in the Super Mario movies (4)
10 First name of comedian Ms Taylor (5)
13 Surname of the musical director of Strictly (4)
14 Noel's ___, TV show which brought us Mr Blobby (5,5)
16 Homer and Marge Simpson's elder daughter (4)
19 Jodie ___, 28 Years Later actress (5)
20 ___ Gleeson, Irish actor (7)
22 Bros brothers' surname (4)
24 ___ Coyle, former Girls Aloud member (6)
25 ___ Turner, EastEnders actress (5)
28 ___ Guinness, British actor (4)

SUNRISER

Place these words in the horizontal rows so that the letters in the diagonal staircase spell out another famous John.

CANDY
CLEESE
LENNON
LITHGOW
MOTSON
TERRY
WAYNE

THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a comedian:

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8

2 & 1	Mr Hoffman, who has won Oscars for both Kramer Vs Kramer and Rain Man (last two letters of name)
8 & 6	Rapper sometimes known as 'Misdemeanor' with songs including One Minute Man and Work It
7 & 3	Canadian writer of the song Hallelujah
4	Ms Mara, who played Zoe Barnes in House Of Cards and computer analyst Shari in 24
5	Ms Westenra, New Zealand classical crossover singer who released the worldwide hit album Pure in 2003

Yesterday: Actor TOM HULCE (Joseph (Priestley), Chelsee Healey, Lucien (Freud), Matt (Hancock), Trevor (Brooking)). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.

If you can't wait until tomorrow for the answers, call 0901 293 6298. Calls cost £1 plus your phone company's network access charge.

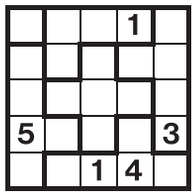
BRAINBOX

Secret agent Luke Bold embarked on missions in four consecutive months earlier in the year. The Rio assignment came after the February mission and before the reconnaissance trip to a five-letter city (which to the untrained eye looked very like a poolside holiday). The rescue in Monaco didn't happen in April, and neither did the heist, which wasn't in Tokyo. The Cairo mission came after the sabotage, though neither of them were in March. If the Cairo and Tokyo missions were in consecutive months in some order, can you deduce Luke's movements?

Solution tomorrow.

SUGURU®

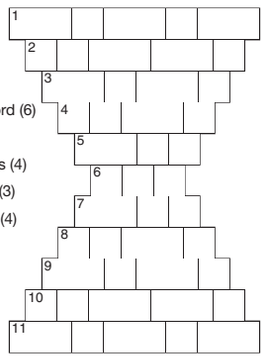
Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally.



BRICKWORK

Answer each clue so that every entry contains the same letters as the previous entry, plus or minus one.

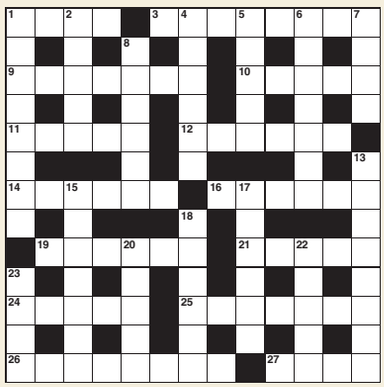
1 Fastest big cats (8)
2 Comes out of an egg (7)
3 Case for a sword (6)
4 Speed (5)
5 Head coverings (4)
6 Burnt remains (3)
7 Metal fastener (4)
8 Acute (5)
9 Expression (6)
10 Maybe (7)
11 Precious blue stone (8)



2-speed crossword

coffee time

...two sets of clues but the answers are the same



ACROSS

1 Trial (4)
3 Say bad things about (8)
9 Apart (7)
10 Squat object (5)
11 Open country (5)
12 Codeword for the letter S (6)
14 Partner in marriage (6)
16 Commotion (6)
19 In the last few days, perhaps (2,4)
21 Bathroom plumbing fixture (5)
24 Thorax (5)
25 Deer's flesh (7)
26 Someone whose lifestyle involves nudity (8)
27 Contraceptive device (4)

DOWN

1 Cistercian monk known for quietude (8)
2 Invigorating Finnish bath (5)
4 Bring into custody (6)
5 Tree associated with Canada (5)
6 Be subjected to (7)
7 Wrestling baddie (4)
8 Youth killed by a wild boar in Greek mythology (6)
13 Lookout (8)
15 Unorthodox (7)
17 Sophisticated (6)
18 Departs (6)
20 Adjust (5)
22 Music style most associated with the 1970s (5)
23 Symbol on computer desktop (4)

cryptic clues

ACROSS

1 Content to annotate staggering experiment (4)
3 Slag off Oscar in crude mud bath (8)
9 Into pieces, as below (7)
10 Excess fat, for example, returned after school (5)
11 Obvious scheme to capture Italy (5)
12 Mountain range is rare at sea (6)
14 Husband, possibly, initially put in pickle (6)
16 Warning about ancient city uproar (6)
19 Old apartment close to collapse, recently (2,4)
21 Attempt feat regularly behind cleaner (5)
24 Most tough, but having left treasury (5)
25 Meat cooked in ovens (7)
26 One revealing all is probing drunk truant (8)
27 Wind in mountain pass around one (4)

DOWN

1 Catholic ruse is stopping point (8)
2 Oddly, statue near steam bath (5)
4 Check some popular restaurants (6)
5 Man hiding quietly in tree (5)
6 German and that cockney lady try experience (7)
7 Reportedly cure part of foot (4)
8 Fuss about lust, perhaps, for very handsome youth (6)
13 Guard dispatched in hell, essentially (8)
15 Eccentric from France exhausted (7)
17 Civilised outlaw found in Yorkshire river (6)
18 Bequeaths parts of tree (6)
20 Change block for sacrifices, reportedly (5)
22 Record love for dance (5)
23 One prisoner is venerated figure (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Chard (charred), 4 Chance-l, 8 Nam-(t)ibia, 9 Al-i-as, 10 Fr-on-tier, 12 Pear, 14 Ravin(g)-e, 15 Mosaic, 18 Shot, 19 Chow mein, 21 Es-say, 22 Ra-trace, 24 Maypole (pay mole), 25 Ra-n-ge.
DOWN: 1 Conifer, 2 Arm, 3 Deb-u-tan-t, 4 C-l-aret, 5 A-jar, 6 Crime wave, 7 Laser, 11 Ob(li)viously, 13 Hot water, 16 Concede, 17 Charge, 18 Steam, 20 Typo, 23 (P)awn.

Check today's answers before midnight by calling 0905 757 0150 for Across and 0905 757 0151 for Down. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your phone company's network access charge.

INITIALS

If JC is Jungle Cruise, what are these other Emily Blunt films?

1. DD
2. AQP
3. TGOTT
4. TSM
5. TFG
6. TDWP

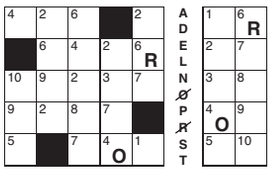
UNSCRAMBLE

Unscramble these anagrams to spell out six Australian film stars.

1. CHUNK HAM JAG
2. BIRO CAJOLED
3. COMEDIAN LINK
4. INTELLECT TOO
5. EMBARGO ORBIT
6. TENTACLE BATCH

MINI CODE

Ten letters have been given a number from 1 to 10. Break the code to complete the crossword.



PIECEWORD

With the help of the Across clues only, can you fit the pieces into their correct positions in the grid? See next page for solution.

ACROSS

1 Amazingly
3 Colossal • First-born
5 Herb used in Italian cookery • Goes for a swim
6 Night before • Heave
7 Elderly • Belonging to that thing
8 Most scarce • Cow's milk bag
10 Change for the better • Slowly, in music
12 Paranormal

WORD WORKOUT

The world's best brain-teaser – The Sun's clueless crossword. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 3 is the letter E, write E in all the squares with a 3. The whole alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. Answers tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:
ACROSS: Proof, Humus, Tog, Equated, Knee, Oven, Dub, Opal, Rack, Gateway, Old, Robot, Dusky.
DOWN: Pity, Organza, Flexed, Haul, Mat, Siding, Vicious, Jogger, Brayed, Swot, Idly, Tab.

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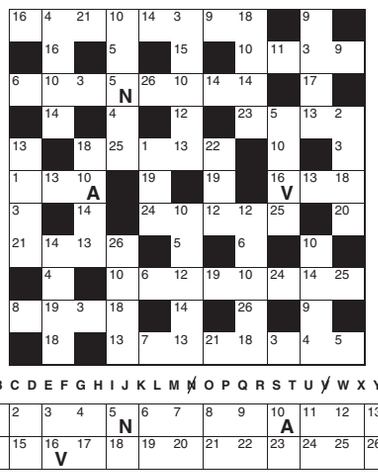

CASH TO BE WON!

ARROWORD

WIN! £50

Complete the puzzle and rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out an actress (8,5).

Clues: Liquid inside a plant; Uncontrolled outdoor blaze; Now broadcasting (2,3); In a chair; Aroused; Safety __, fastener; View, landscape; __ Ferris, actress; Hold out; Chop into cubes; Sat Nav (inits); Dent in the road; Return mail case (inits); Batman's butler; Bacon slice; Cows' milk glands; __ counter, radiation meter; Perceives; Boat paddle; Implores; Common beverage; Cheshire river; Tailed amphibian; First name of the pictured comedian; __ Vicious, punk guitarist; Public house; Rims; Dam across a river; Body part containing a lobe; Lamb's mum; Arranges

Solutions

Sekuta
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Bottom 258

Sunriser
Motson, Cleese, Lennon, Candy, Terry, Lithgow, Wayne – spelling McEnroe.

Initials
1. Disclosure Day
2. A Quiet Place
3. The Girl On The Train
4. The Smashing Machine
5. The Fall Guy
6. The Devil Wears Prada

Unscramble
1. Hugh Jackman
2. Jacob Elordi
3. Nicole Kidman
4. Toni Collette
5. Margot Robbie
6. Cate Blanchett

Kriss Kross

Minidoku

Anagram
ACROSS: 1 Edit 5 Lance 6 Game
DOWN: 2 Denim 3 Tree 4 Plug

Pathfinder

Suguru

Brickwork
1 Cheetahs 2 Hatches 3 Sheath 4 Haste 5 Hats 6 Ash 7 Hash 8 Sharp 9 Phrase 10 Perhaps 11 Sapphire

Mini Code

Pieceword

TV Mag solutions

Sudoku

5	6	4	3	1	2
3	1	2	4	5	6
2	4	6	5	3	1
1	3	5	6	2	4
6	2	3	1	4	5
4	5	1	2	6	3

Letter Box
ACHE
CLAY
MARE
ENDS

Word Ladder
FREE, FRET, FEET, FELT, FELL, FALL.

Set Square

9	÷	1	+	3
+	■	×	■	+
5	+	6	+	8
÷	■	×	■	×
7	+	4	−	2

Futoshiki
2 4 > 3 5 1
3 < 5 1 4 2
4 2 5 1 < 3
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1 3 4 2 5

Add It Up
96

Sakuro
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Prize solutions

From last Saturday

Crossword
MICHELLE COLLINS

Wordsearch
PATATAS BRAVAS

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MICHAELA STRACHAN

KRISS KROSS

Fit the words into the grid.

3 letters
AWL
ELM
IRK
SIR
SUN
TUM

4 letters
ITEM
PLAN
SARI
TYPO

5 letters
ADOPT
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ARIES March 21 – April 20

It's good to talk. Whether you're handling child support or putting new love rules in place, don't avoid all-important conversations. If in doubt, put a child's best interests first. You'll enjoy yourself most this weekend close to home. Visit your local market, catch up with neighbours and watch your fave TV shows.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

Money luck is linked to your past and 'what goes around comes around' may be true for you. Lean into your good karma and ask for financial help from someone older who you treated with respect. An opportunity to ditch past debt will benefit you and your family. A chinwag with a sibling helps put the world to rights.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

It's worth trying again to sort out money troubles that started early June. When you look at things from a new angle, you might find the right solution. It would be a good weekend to set up a stall at a local fair or car boot sale. Get your crystal ball ready as everyone will be asking you for help and advice.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

If you're worrying about things today, take practical steps to sort it out. You may have a big work or money decision – ask a father figure if you need advice. Rest is best if you've had a busy week. Offer up a little prayer and give thanks for abundance. A gift could arrive in the shape of fruit or veg from a friend's garden.

LEO July 23 – August 23

Is there something you've been afraid to say? Speaking up and finding your voice can make a real difference to your personal situation this weekend. Spending time apart could be challenging to a relationship but trust that true love will prevail. Single? A foreign connection could open doors to you finding love.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

Take on an extra work shift this weekend. Money may not come easily, but hard work could prove lucrative in the long run. Sharing expenses in a relationship leads to less conflict, and adopting a positive attitude to your current situation helps everyone, yourself included. Complain less, appreciate more.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

Prove your commitment to your other half and get the ball rolling to take a holiday together. If you're single, you may be tired of dating and would either prefer to be in a stable relationship or on your own. Get ready to reopen negotiations about a new job, position or role as things could happen fast next week.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

If you're a typical Scorpio, you'll be open to the weird and spooky. Perhaps you notice an angel number which focuses your mind on a new direction linked to work or money. If you're asked to share what you know, say yes to a teaching role or talk. Your expert knowledge or spiritual wisdom could get you noticed.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

A relative may want to introduce you to their new romantic partner this weekend. You may not approve, but you'd be wise to keep quiet for now. If your love life's gone quiet, line up something fun to take your mind off it. A conversation about money that's been on repeat for ages could finally hit a breakthrough.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

It would be easy to spend this weekend dealing with finances or work. If your other half is keen to focus on your relationship and spend time talking together, let yourself be persuaded. More talk could lead to more intimacy further down the line. If you're single, say yes to an introduction from a family member.

AQUARIUS January 21 – February 18

There could be a breakthrough if you've been trying to get a health diagnosis or medical appointment. It's worth trying again, in case there's a cancellation. A job opportunity could also reappear. A day out will be most fun when you get all the generations involved. Sit back and let other people do the talking.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

You may be ready to reveal something to others which you've been working on behind the scenes. It could be a hobby or a creative project you're considering turning into a money-earner. If so, you're on the right track. Single? Say yes to a second date with someone you first met in June.

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H&M'S CUTS

FASHION giant **H&M** has warned of possible job cuts as part of a shake-up of its UK support offices.

Around 250 workers have been told about the proposed reorganisation and consultation process.

But H&M has not revealed how many roles could eventually go.

It said the changes were designed to cut complexity and bring decisions closer to customers. Staff in London, Manchester, Cardiff, Glasgow and Birmingham are said to be involved.

AIR-CON TAX

SHOPS trying to keep customers cool in heatwaves could be slapped with bigger tax bills, warn retail chiefs.

Installing air conditioning can boost a building's value, meaning firms may have to pay more in business rates.

They can claim temporary improvement relief but it only lasts a year.

The British Retail Consortium's Helen Dickinson said the system is broken.

Shop visits fell 2.1 per cent in July compared with last year. High street footfall tumbled 3.8 per cent.

PEPPED-UP BISMOL: NO DIRE YEAR

Sales soar 297% after ad

PEPTO-BISMOL has seen a run on sales after its TV ad singing about diarrhoea got Britain talking.

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By JAMES FLANDERS
Business Affairs Editor

Sales by value surged 297.1 per cent to £19.5million in the year to May 16, according to NIQ data.

The number of packs sold jumped 301.1 per cent to 2.8million.

P&G brought the famous pink stomach-relief brand back to UK shelves in January 2025 with the catchy "Greasy Spoon" musical campaign.

It shows two electricians eating breakfast before one suffers digestive trouble.

Five performers dressed in Pepto-Bismol pink then sing about the symptoms the medicine tackles: heartburn, nausea, indigestion, upset stomach and diarrhoea.

Rumbled . . . man in advert

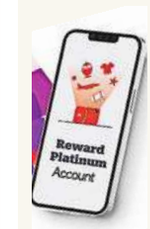
The jingle has become an earworm – and viewers are sharply divided.

One hailed the "Diarrhoea Guy" for putting his "heart and soul" into the performance, while others branded it one of the most annoying adverts ever.

Brand director Sophie Spring said the campaign was designed to start conversations and break the stigma surrounding gut problems.

The wider heartburn and indigestion market is also bubbling up.

Value sales rose 7.5 per cent to £267.7million, while pack sales increased 4 per cent, according to trade mag The Grocer.



PRICE OF PLATINUM UP BY £1 A MONTH

NATWEST Reward Platinum account holders face a rise in its monthly fee from £22 to £23 on October 1.

But the bank will also introduce a range of new travel, health and lifestyle benefits for its Reward Platinum customers.

They include no foreign transaction fees when customers use their Reward debit card to make purchases abroad or pay in a foreign currency.

NatWest currently charges 2.75 per cent on overseas transactions, including paying with a card and withdrawing cash. The charge would add £13.75 to £500 of holiday spending.

Although the fee for paying with the card will be scrapped, it will remain for cash withdrawals. Customers will also receive 5GB of free mobile data to use abroad each year through a travel eSIM.

It will be valid for 30 days once activated and could help users avoid costly roaming charges.

Other new travel perks will include discounts on airport lounge access, fast-track security and airport dining.

OLIVIA TOMLINSON

IF you are bamboozled by inheritance tax and whether you need to pay it, you're not alone.

The tax is levied on the estate – money, property and possessions – left behind after a loved one has died.

But with three in five of us unsure about the rules, according to financial services firm Canada Life, **HOLLY MEAD** cuts through the confusion . . .

HOW DOES INHERITANCE TAX WORK?

THERE is no inheritance tax on the first £325,000 of your estate.

If your entire estate is worth less than £2million, then you can get an extra £175,000 allowance on top as long as you leave your home to a direct descendant, such as a child or grandchild.

This means you can potentially leave £500,000 tax-free.

After this, the remainder is hit by a 40 per cent tax charge.

Only about five per cent of families pay inheritance tax – but they often have to sell the family home to settle their bill.

Remember that married couples get a generous tax break. There is no inheritance tax to pay on anything left to a spouse or civil partner. They may also benefit from any unused tax allowance.

That means a married couple can collectively pass on up to £1million, tax-free.

ISN'T ANDY BURNHAM SCRAPPING IT?

THERE is speculation that the Prime Minister could introduce a flat ten per cent "death tax" on *every* estate in the country, which would replace inheritance tax.

It is something Andy Burnham has spoken about and it's rumoured to be one way to fund a new £18.7billion National Care Service to tackle the social care crisis.

But experts are sceptical it will be rolled out.

Rob Morgan, of brokers Charles Stanley Direct, said: "A ten per cent flat levy would draw even the poorest families into the tax net, hitting the most vulnerable in society and creating a huge administrative burden. It's therefore unlikely to be a serious contender for government policy."

The Government said there are "no plans" for a death tax.

LEGAL WAYS TO AVOID INHERITANCE TAX

1 You can give away £3,000 a year tax-free: This annual gifting allowance can help shrink the size of your estate – and a smaller estate means a smaller tax bill.

Make the gift to one person or split it between several. You can carry forward any unused portion of this allowance for up to a year, so you can give a maximum of £6,000 tax-free in one year. Gifts will be tax-exempt immediately.

You can also make gifts of up to £250 (one per person) to anyone who has not had any of your annual gifting allowance. On top of this, you can give a child £5,000, a grandchild £2,500, and £1,000 to anyone as a wedding gift.

A word of warning, do not give away too much money, as it could leave you short in later life.

2 The seven-year rule: Your loved ones could avoid a tax bill **ENTIRELY** with this rule. It applies to gifts *above* the £3,000 annual gifting allowance and lets you give away as much money as you like tax-free – as long as you survive seven years after giving it.

The portion of a gift above £3,000 is not tax-exempt immediately – it becomes so after you have survived seven years.

If you die before that deadline, inheritance tax is applied to those gifts. If you die within three years, 40 per cent tax rate is applied. This falls to 32 per cent in the fourth year, 24 per cent in the fifth, 16 per cent in the sixth and eight per cent in the seventh.

ADDED STRESS . . . confusion over inheritance tax can increase pain at an already tough time

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Reckitt Benckiser*	5294	+	46
Rentokil	361	-	2 ½
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Sainsbury's	353¾	-	0 ½
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Vanquis Banking Gp	82½	+	1 ½
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Vodafone	120	+	0 ¾
WH Smith	450¾	+	8

* = ex dividend

'END ALDI & LIDL VETO'

ALDI and LIDL should be stopped from using land deals to block rivals opening nearby, say watchdogs.

Similar restrictions have applied since 2010 to TESCO, SAINSBURY'S, ASDA, MORRISONS, THE CO-OP, WAITROSE and M&S.

But the discounters were left out because at the time they sold a narrower range. The Competition and Markets Authority is consulting before deciding.

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money talks

By Lucy Andrews

95% FULL PINT

MOST Wednesdays, you'll find me at the pub from 6pm, swigging a well deserved *(in my opinion)* pint to celebrate making it halfway through the week *(it would be rude not to)*.

Last week was no different. Money Editor Fran Ivens and I sneaked in a cheeky bevvy at our local following our shift.

Whipping my card out to pay for two pints, I turned to grab our drinks and saw there was a good inch and a half missing from both.

It's not the first time this has happened so I thought I would walk you through a consumer topic close to my heart – pint rights!

The average cost of a pint of lager has gone up by more than three per cent this year, according to the Office for National Statistics, so it pays to get

on Saturday

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MASTERCARD FEES: PAYOUT TO MILLIONS

MILLIONS in line for up to £70 compensation from Mastercard will receive it next year.

Around 47million UK shoppers could get a payout following a legal victory last year. Walter Merricks, a former financial ombudsman, launched a class action in 2016 that said millions of shoppers were charged inflated prices on everyday purchases made between 1992 and 2008.

Mastercard charged unlawfully high fees to shops that accepted their cards. Virtually all major UK retailers then passed those fees on to the consumer by hiking the prices of their stock – this affected all shoppers regardless of whether they had a Mastercard or not.

These shoppers (most UK adults) are now set to be compensated. A claims process will launch in the coming months and payments will be made in the first half of 2027. Each person will get between £45 and £70, depending on how many people claim.

Mr Merricks said: "Most people who shopped between 1992 and 2008 will be eligible whether or not they had Mastercard."

BLÁTHNAID CORLESS

Four *(legal)* ways to stop Burnham getting a slice of your inheritance

IT PAYS TO PLAN FOR THE WORST

3 The little-known payment method: A "gifts out of surplus income" rule lets you give away bigger chunks of money regularly with no inheritance tax bill due on it. Regularly giving away money can chip away at the size of your estate, reducing a future tax bill. The money must come from a regular income, such as your salary or your pension.

Giving away the money must not affect your standard of living, for example gifting so much that you can't afford to put the heating on.

Keep thorough records, including bank statements, as evidence.

John Chew, from Canada Life, advises setting up a standing order and added: "As a precaution, write to the recipient explaining the payments are a planned series of gifts from surplus income."

4 The "inheritance tax insurance" hack: Paying inheritance tax can be stressful for your loved ones at a sad time, especially if they have to sell the family home to help pay for it.

Buying inheritance tax insurance is a way of removing this hassle from your family. They will get a lump sum that could settle the tax bill, without losing a chunk of their inheritance.

While the actual cost will depend on your circumstances, according to Highclere Financial, a 50-year-old non-smoker taking out a policy that will pay out £50,000 could expect to pay around £54 a month until they die.

You must get the insurance policy written into a trust. This ringfences the money that will be used to pay the inheritance tax bill so that it does not fall into your estate. Ask the insurer for a trust deed form.

Buying a policy and setting up a trust is complicated process, so it is a good idea to take some professional advice.

IS LIQUID ASSET

clued up. The British Beer & Pub Association guidelines say a measure of beer served with a head must be at least 95 per cent liquid.

That means, if you don't want a large head on a pint, you can ask for it to be filled to the top (brim-measure glasses) or, in the case of line-measure glasses, up to the line on the side.

Crucially, if you ask for a top-up, bar staff should do it "with good grace", say the rules. So, I asked politely for my drink to be filled to the top. At first I felt a bit bad for requesting this, as I know that pubs are under massive pressure. Rising taxes and operational costs have left many struggling to survive.

That's exactly why The Sun's Save our Sups campaign is calling on the Government to step in to rescue our boozers.

Luckily, the bartender was lovely and filled mine up. Cheers!

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THIS WEEK...IF YOU *DO JUST ONE THING*

SHOP FORECOURT FUEL THIEVES

YOU could get thousands of pounds for dobbing in thieves as fuel worth almost £200,000 is being stolen from UK petrol stations every day.

Incidents of drivers filling their tanks and speeding off without paying have soared by 20 per cent since the conflict in the Middle East began on February 28, according to fuel prevention firm Forecourt Eye.

The value of the stolen fuel has jumped by 48 per cent, compared with five months before the war. On average, £194,000 of fuel is swiped daily.

But there is a way to help crack down on crime and get a tidy sum in the process. Motorists are urged to report thefts to Crimestoppers, a charity that offers rewards of up to £1,000 for information that leads to an arrest and charge.

But if the offence is serious and involves crime gangs, police can increase the incentive to £10,000 for tip-offs that crack the case.

Anyone wanting to grass up a forecourt crook can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or submit an anonymous form.

Visit crimestoppers-uk.org for more information.

Don't forget to ask for a reward code when reporting in order to be eligible for a payout.

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'MY DIABETES LED TO UNFAIR PARKING FINE'

Q IN September 2023 I parked at the Morrisons car park then did my weekly shop.

On my way back to the car I started to feel unwell. I have diabetes and felt my blood sugar begin to fall.

I knew I wasn't safe to drive as the effects are similar to drink driving so I rested in my car.

When I felt better I went to customer services in the supermarket and told them what had happened.

I had overstayed the two-hour limit so I feared I would receive a parking fine.

The staff told me not to worry.

A few weeks later I was issued with a £100 parking fine from Euro Car Parks, which operates the car park. I appealed it within the 28-day window but it was rejected.

My second appeal was also rejected.

Months went by, then I started to get stressful demands from debt collectors asking for almost £200. I'm 74 and am worried as they keep hounding me. Is there anything you can do?

MIKE CRYSELL, Somerset

A You made the right choice not to drive when your blood sugar started to fall. It's best to wait 45 minutes and have a snack before you head back on the road, according to Diabetes UK.

But despite following these steps and letting Morrisons know about your situation, you were still chased by debt collectors. I asked Morrisons to look into your case.

They agreed that you followed the right process by letting its customer service team know that you had stayed for longer than the limit.

Morrisons apologised that this was not reflected in the system and for the stress it caused.

They should have contacted Euro Car Parks and told them not to issue a penalty.

The fine has now been cancelled, so the letters should stop.

Never ignore letters, calls, texts or emails from debt collectors. Contact a debt advice service such as the National Debtline or MoneyWellness straight away to get advice.

It's especially important to do this if you get sent any claim forms as you only have a limited time in which to respond to them.

If you don't reply, you could be hit with a county court judgement, which will be recorded on your credit file for six years.

money maker

AS a financial whizz with more than 20 years of experience, Sarah Coles is the last person you would have expected to have been trapped in a financially abusive relationship.

Thankfully, Sarah managed to avoid a money mistake that could have caused her further complications.

Joint bank accounts give two people access. Both can pay into the account and make withdrawals and payments from it.

While it can be a convenient way to handle cash, Sarah says there are risks. It financially links both partners in the eyes of lenders – meaning one person's bad money habits can damage the other's chances of credit.

In the worst case, you could lose control of your money, leaving you at risk of being a victim of financial abuse.

Sarah was persuaded to put all the bills in her name as her partner said it would be easier to manage and he would cover his share of the costs.

She was also forced to pay the rental deposit and cover the rent.

He then gave up his job after the birth of Sarah's second child, making her the breadwinner.

She had to take on three jobs to cover the costs. Sarah said if she'd opened a joint account with her ex, her experience could have been worse.

"I was able to get away because I had my own accounts and my own money," she said. "I was able to pay for legal advice, and cover the cost of a home for me and my children."

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DELAYING your autumn getaway until October will save you almost £300 a person – with Montenegro the top bargain.

There, average prices per person fall £291, from £935 in September to £644 the next month, says TravelSupermarket.

Croatia is next best, down £251 to £512, followed by Ibiza at £686 – a saving of £242. Kos is £240 cheaper at £687, while Malta drops £222 to £567 and Santorini falls £200 to £566.

Bourgas in Bulgaria is the cheapest destination in the research at just £320pp.

But hanging on will cost you in the winter-sun spots. Cape Verde jumps £288 to £1,158pp, Mauritius rises £219 to £1,716 and Egypt is £108 dearer at £924.

Figures are based on seven-night holidays for two adults.

CHILD and teen places on Royal Caribbean sailings next summer have dropped to just £99.

The deal, from Iglu Cruise, covers school-holiday departures in August 2027, including a seven-night Greek Isles round trip from Rome on Odyssey of the Seas. That sailing, on August 15, costs £2,484 for two adults and two children, cruise only. Prices work out at £621 per person for the week.

A week in the Western Med from Barcelona on Legend of the Seas, departing August 8, is £3,640 for a family of four.

It is one of Royal Caribbean's newest ships, having launched last summer.

A Western Caribbean and Perfect Day week out of Port Canaveral on Star of the Seas costs £3,887, departing August 8. The port is around 45 minutes from Orlando, making it an easy add-on to a Florida theme-park trip.

Families will need to move fast, with the cheapest cabins on the most popular August dates the first to sell out.

For more information, see iglucruise.com.

RELAX . . . fab service

THE RESIDENT
Victoria, London

WHAT'S IT LIKE? Fans of the Royal Family will love it as it is just minutes from Buckingham Palace. Being right by Victoria train station as well, it means you can easily hop into central London for some more sightseeing. The hotel is simple but classy.

check in... check it out

ROOMS ANY GOOD? There are 73 to choose from, ranging from singles to deluxe, with super-king beds. The mini kitchenettes have fridges and microwaves, as well as crockery, glassware and coffee machines.

Desks make them ideal for anyone travelling for business, too.

Lots of the interior pieces are from British designers, such as fabrics from the Isle of Bute and furniture made in West London.

EAT HERE OR GRAB A PIZZA? There's no restaurant so you'll have to go out for dinner. Thankfully, you're spoilt for choice, although I recommend the Market Halls, with a range of food stands inside to keep even fussy eaters happy.

For breakfast, you can order delivery to your room with things like pastries on the Drinks & Snacks menu. Or you can ask to have your fridge filled with groceries at an additional cost.

Make sure you are there in the evenings – the hotel holds complimentary wine hours.

WHAT ELSE? There's no gym or spa at the hotel, but the reception is open 24 hours. Use the hotel as a base to explore the area as you couldn't be better located.

SO YOU'D GO BACK? It's perfect if you need a central hotel without the frills, but with excellent service.

WHAT'S THE DAMAGE? Rooms start at £184 per night. For more information, see residenthotels.com.

KARA GODFREY

SPACIOUS . . . king room

MUMS DITCH THE SCHOOL RUN FOR MALLORCA FUN

GREAT ESCAPE . . . Caroline and friends in party mode

TOP DIPS . . . UM Beach House

HEAVENLY VIEW . . . Cathedral of Santa Maria of Palma

CITY STROLL . . . in Palma, Mallorca

TASTY TAPAS . . . lunch is served

Champagne Palma nova

IT'S late morning and I'm sunbathing on the front deck of a swish motor-cruiser, glass of rosé in hand and Balearic beats drumming in the background while I sail across the sparkling Mediterranean.

Life doesn't get much better than this. On a normal Saturday morning, I would be standing pitchside at my kids' football practice, ready to hand out water, yet here I was being waited on hand and foot.

My five mum pals and I had decided to jazz up our weekend mini break to Mallorca's capital city, Palma, by hiring a private boat to take us around the coast.

We'd been inspired by celebs like Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox and Pedro Pascal, who have all been spotted sunning themselves on yachts this summer. And the great thing is, you don't need a mega budget to live an A-list lifestyle in Mallorca.

Sail Trip Mallorca, run by husband and wife Yannick and Sarah, offers bespoke private and group trips that are super-easy to book.

Once on board, all we needed to worry about was relaxing on the cushioned sunbathing area and deciding what tunes to blast through the bluetooth speaker. Captain Yannick ensured drinks were kept topped up as he steered us towards a secluded cove, where we didn't waste any time diving into the crystal-clear water.

Despite us all being in our forties, some of our number were brave enough to take a leap from the roof of the captain's cabin, straight into the ocean. If you're not a brave swimmer, though, our boat came equipped with paddleboards, a giant ring and snorkelling gear.

Then there are the underwater "scuba bikes" that allow guests to travel as deep as 20 feet beneath the waves, equipped with an oxygen tank and clear helmet so you can observe the fish as you pedal. While we enjoyed a dip and a cycle, the multi-talented Yannick whipped up a delicious lunch of tapas, salad, mini burgers and dips for us to tuck into back on board.

Then, all that was left to do as we cruised back into Palma harbour was take in the most spectacular views of the city's cathedral.

The whole experience felt like pure luxury. But best of all, it didn't cost us an arm and a leg.

With enough space for 11 guests, the four-hour trip costs around £100pp including access to all the water equipment and a boozy lunch. Not bad, if you ask me.

Celeb holiday haunt

Once back on dry land, be sure to check out the spectacular Cathedral of Santa Maria of Palma up close.

And if you haven't had enough of a dance on the boat, the recently opened AMOK in Palma hosts regular sunset parties that are well worth the €15 entry.

Far from being a boisterous, sweaty nightclub, this classy venue has a huge terrace bar and garden, lit up by twinkling lights in the trees.

Here, sunset views are accompanied by top-class DJs playing a mix of modern and Latin beats and excellent cocktails. If you've got the stamina, the party moves inside to the main club at 11:30pm and continues until 6am.

Don't worry if you're not a late-night raver, though. Those who prefer more of a daytime party will love UM Beach House (umbeachhouse.com).

Palma isn't blessed with the greatest beaches, but this seafront club is gorgeous, with its own picturesque pool and direct access to the sea.

It's a favourite holiday haunt of celebs, such as radio presenter Kate Lawler, who also visited in June.

Reclining on the huge, padded loungers, big enough for three, with glasses of fizz in our hands, Monday's school run felt a world away.

Definitely stay for lunch as UM Beach House has a 360-degree terrace overlooking the sea, which serves a varied and delicious menu of fresh seafood pasta, light poke bowls and . . . more rosé.

Best of all, we were able to store our suitcases on site so, after a few hours of luxury bliss, we hopped into taxis straight for the airport feeling pampered instead of having to drag ourselves back to the hotel all frazzled.

Talk about the VIP treatment.

I know what I'll be dreaming of when I'm standing at the side of a football pitch at the weekend.

CAROLINE IGGULDEN

GO: PALMA, MALLORCA

GETTING THERE: EasyJet flies from Luton and other UK airports to Palma in Mallorca from £19.99 each way. See easyjet.com.

STAYING THERE: Rooms at the 4★ AC Hotel Ciutat de Palma cost from 130 euros (£111.30) per night including breakfast. See marriott.com.

OUT & ABOUT: Private trips with Sail Trip Mallorca cost from £90.46pp for a four-hour sailing. For more info, see sailtripmallorca.com.

Sun travel

Edited by **LISA MINOT** Follow on

OUR Spotlight On column gives you the lowdown on what to see and do in some of your favourite holiday hotspots – as well as some lesser-known regions. This week, we're covering the vibrant city of Chiang Mai in northern Thailand.

CHIANG MAI

MUST SEE/DO: Chiang Mai is known for being a capital for Lanna cuisine (northern Thai food) and its bustling night markets. Enjoy a 20-minute stroll through the old city centre.

On either end, there is Chang Phuak Market at the North Gate or there is the Chiang Mai Gate Market at the South Gate. Both offer an open air experience and super-cheap and authentic grub, such as khao soi – a creamy curry soup topped with chicken and crispy fried noodles.

HIDDEN GEM: The North Gate Jazz Co-Op has a vibe that can't be found anywhere else on the planet. A collective of young jazz musicians come together to play their hearts out – and its not well known among tourists. The best part is that it's free entry, beers start at around £2.69, and cocktails are from £3.40.

Seating is very limited, so make sure you turn up 45 minutes before the doors open at 7.30pm.

BEST VIEW: Just outside of the old city, YaYee hotel has a knockout rooftop bar that opens in the early evening. In keeping with Chiang Mai's laidback vibe, the bar has comfy sofas with views of the sun setting beyond the mountain Doi Suthep.

RATED RESTAURANT: Kiti Panit General Store has an interesting past – dating back to 1888, it was the city's first general store founded by Chinese immigrants.

It's been passed down five generations until being turned into a restaurant, and is now recognised as one of the city's best.

Hungry stomachs can find a menu with northern classics including warm bowls of Khao Soi, plus crispy pork cracklings, and grilled fish garnished with fresh herbs.

BEST BAR: The Bar Not Found can only be reached through a series of colourful doors – most lead to a blank wall and just one is the entry point.

Inside, the bar offers the same warmth and intimacy as your mate's living room. Sit in a plush armchair or the mosaic tiled countertop and watch the mixologists work their magic. Tipples feature ingredients like parma ham, olive brine and even mustard.

Whichever you pick, I guarantee it'll be one of the best cocktails of your holiday.

HOTEL PICK: In the middle of Chiang Mai's historic old tow, the 4★ Aksara Heritage provides an oasis away from the chaos.

Along with comfy bedrooms, guests can take advantage of a saltwater pool, sun terrace and a poolside bar.

For the explorers, the city's highlights are only a short walk away, including the Chiang Mai Night Bazaar and the Three Kings Monument. Rooms cost from £210 per night. Email reservation@aksaraheritage.com.

DHARSHINEE KRISHNA NAIDU

COLOURFUL . . lanterns adorn streets

SAIL AROUND GREEK ISLANDS THEN FINISH

Aegean cruise is the Segway to go

ROLL WITH IT . . . Nigel on Segway tour

ALEXANDER the Great would have approved – I'm on my trusty black steed conquering the streets of his rival Athens under the watchful eye of the Parthenon.

It's a whizzy Segway, not the all-conquering king of ancient Macedonia's fabled warhorse Bucephalus, but what a brilliant way to see historic and modern sights in the Greek capital.

Lively guide Stelios led my group of a dozen – all on an excursion from Tui's Marella Voyager cruise ship – taking in outstanding views of the Acropolis, Temple of Hephaestus and Pnyx Hill, where the Athenians created the concept of democracy.

Next time you put an X on a ballot paper, this is where it all began 2,500 years ago.

The Segway tour (£110pp), started in tourist hangout Plaka and also visited Thiseio, where the locals chill. Fun and insightful, it was a hit with my group. And, in the free time in Plaka afterwards, treat yourself to a frozen yoghurt for a couple of quid – the Lukumades shop is deservedly popular.

My wife Debbie and I had joined the all-inclusive Voyager in Corfu, with a seamless airport transfer and check-in at the port.

Greeted by stewards Andi and Yosua, we settled into our balcony cabin then demolished a Mexican meal at the Abuela's restaurant, followed by a rocking sailaway show from The Journeymen band.

Before arriving at Athens we had a sea day with pre-booked spa treatments. Debbie loved her Thai massage (£129) from Cherry, and I was wowed by a rejuvenating men's pro-collagen grooming and shave (£69) by Marco.

I felt like a Greek god after an hour in the barber's chair. We dined like gods that night too, on a superb seven-course food odyssey at the Silver Fork restaurant (£51.95pp), with the highlights a spicy white tomato soup and a beef Wellington to fill your boots with.

Another standout was the Kora La Asian-inspired restaurant (£38.95pp) and its Thali tasting experience – surely this is the best curry at sea.

Mind you, if you're on a budget you can easily spend the week eating well in the included The Kitchens buffet and the Latitude 53 (international), Vista (Italian) and Piccadilly's (British) restaurants, along with Abuela's (Mexican), Nonna's (pizza/pasta) and the poolside Shack (fast food).

Drinks-wise, we rated swanky Flutes for fizz and laid-back Summer House, with its retractable roof and al fresco area at the stern, for cold beers and ciders.

The Squid & Anchor is your go-to for lively nights of music, quizzes and karaoke and the Broadway theatre hosts West End-style performances. Up for some immersive, cocktail-fuelled fun? Head to The Exchange speakeasy, where many guests dress up in 1920s-style clothes (£18.95pp).

New day, new country. After our Athens adventure, next up was Kusadasi, Turkey.

We could have hit the beach but walked to the 16th-century castle – on an island reached by a 400-yard causeway – and its

GO: AEGEAN CRUISE & CORFU STAY

GETTING, CRUISING & STAYING THERE: A 14-night cruise-and-stay holiday costs from £2,313pp, including a seven-night Aegean Shores cruise on Marella Voyager, plus a seven-night stay at the Atlantica Grand Mediterraneo Resort in Ermones. Price is based on two adults sharing on an all-inclusive basis with flights from Stansted on September 25, 20kg of luggage each, transfers, tips and service charges. Cruise calls at Corfu, Piraeus (for Athens), Kusadasi (for Ephesus), Santorini, Souda (for Chania) in Crete, and Kefalonia. See tui.co.uk/cruise.

OFF HOL WITH HOTEL STAY

DOCK STAR . . . Nigel's cruise ship in Corfu

FEELING FLUSH . . . ancient toilet in Santorini

SHELL SHOCKED . . . spot loggerhead turtle in Kefalonia

GREEKING OUT . . . on beautiful scenery from terrace at Atlantica Grand Mediterraneo, in Corfu

open-air/indoor museum covering local maritime trade, wildlife (check the whale skeleton) and plants. Worth a look, decent views and a nice waterfront cafe (£8pp).

Before strolling back to Voyager, we failed to resist the shops selling carpets, knock-off designer goods and that leather jacket you never knew you needed. Luckily, everything is a "special price today, just for you!"

Kusadasi is the gateway to Ephesus, home of the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. If you haven't been, get it on your cruise excursion list. It's outstanding.

A real charmer

Back in Greece for the next call at Instafave island Santorini, we joined a tour to Akrotiri – the "Pompeii of the Aegean" – where archaeologists have uncovered part of a city buried under 27ft of ash when the Thera volcano erupted in 1600 BC.

The Thera explosion was around 20 times more powerful than when Vesuvius blasted the real Pompeii in AD 79 and the resulting 100ft tsunami wiped out the Minoan civilisation on Crete 60 miles away, with the ash cloud even affecting the weather in China.

Our excellent guide was former archaeologist Marianne, who used to work here so has the best facts about life in the Bronze Age. Unsurprisingly, she knew a group of Brits would be enthused by seeing the 3,600-year-old "flushing" toilet in a house!

You're dropped off in pretty Fira overlooking the sea-filled caldera for a wander at leisure, with a ticket for the cable car down to the dock and the tender boats (£62pp).

Next up is Chania, in western Crete, where a €1.80 each-way, 20-minute bus from Souda dropped us near the beautiful Venetian port, where we climbed the tower in the harbour fort to take it all in and idly wandered through the grid of shopping streets.

It's a real charmer and you could easily while away a full day here, but the ship has a schedule to keep and that took us to our final port, Argostoli in Kefalonia.

We'd only planned to pick up some souvenirs and an ice cream but headed to the footbridge south of the centre to see why there were so many tourists gathered.

The answer was four adult loggerhead turtles swimming around just feet from us and we snapped away with the excited crowd. A magical holiday highlight to see these vulnerable creatures so close up.

Next morning, back in Corfu, we headed down the gangway one final time. But not before checking eBay to find out how much a second-hand Segway is!

NIGEL THOMPSON

LUCKY DIP . . . hotel pool has spectacular view

THIS GRAND RESORT IS A RAIL TREAT

TUI's Cruise & Stay programme – where you add a hotel break to the start or end of your holiday at sea – is increasingly popular and Corfu is the perfect destination to try it.

So when Voyager docked back at the island, Debbie and I did not go to the airport. Instead, we headed 25 minutes by road to Ermones Bay on the west coast for three nights at the five-star Atlantica Grand Mediterraneo.

This elegant adults-only resort is in a spectacular 110-acre location, set in terraces on a steep hill by the sea, and we adored our deluxe suite with its earthy hues, clean design, private infinity pool and stellar view.

But the 270-room hotel, one of the best in Greece, is not just about scenery – there's a lovely pool area, tennis courts, gym, spa with indoor heated pool and a beach with a bar reached by a funicular.

Yes, you read that right – this hotel has a railway running through it! Alternatively, golf buggies ferry guests around – or the energetic can tackle the many steps.

During your stay you're likely to encounter Perla, a cute little fluffy white dog who arrived here one day and never left. She's now effectively a member of the very friendly and helpful staff, 'greeting' guests around the resort.

Food is a high point at the Grand Mediterraneo and we dived in at the a la carte White Pearl restaurant, which offers modern Greek cuisine.

The Ionian Sea was the perfect backdrop for a memorable meal of kebabs and baked goat's cheese in nuts to start, then chicken breast in feta sauce and sea bass mains, with the added bonus of a tot of aromatic 'mastika' liqueur from Greece's Chios island to finish.

There is a second a la carte restaurant, Italian-themed, al fresco Vertigo, which lives up to its name in a lofty clifftop location.

Again, we dined like MasterChef judges, savouring blue cheese mousse, scallops and arancini appetisers before the centrepiece – a sensational crayfish, ouzo, saffron and dill risotto. We drank in the views as easily as a chilled glass of rosé.

We thought the Medusa buffet, which has a huge variety of dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner with various daily themes, was top notch and, if you only choose to eat here, you'll be very happy with it.

By day, most guests congregate around the main pools and during our stay the hotel was full – but there are ample sunloungers, so there's no need to get up at 6am for the ridiculous towel run. Also worth noting is that the background muzak is not intrusive, pumping DJ beats are a rare thing at hotels these days.

For a sundowner, the prime spot is the terrace by the Vertigo bar, where guests gather to get the perfect sunset snap.

The main Eros bar is the focus for poolside evening entertainment and we thoroughly enjoyed a spirited performance from the Fuego Tenors, who gave us everything from Andrea Bocelli to Queen and The Shadows.

Dogs aren't daft and Perla has decided she's not leaving the superlative Atlantica Grand Mediterraneo. Don't blame her, we were very reluctant to check out too.

See tui.co.uk/cruise/cruise-and-stay.

NIGEL THOMPSON

SEE FOOD . . . views from Vertigo Restaurant

TASTE OF SEVILLE

SUNSEEKERS in the North West can tuck into tapas in Seville or pizza in Naples, as easyJet has just launched direct flights to both from Liverpool.

The airline has also based a ninth aircraft at Liverpool John Lennon Airport, a 186-seat Airbus A320 that will support hundreds of jobs and give easyJet its biggest-ever network from the city, serving destinations across Europe and North Africa.

Seville in Spain offers historic streets, world-famous tapas and year-round sunshine, while Naples in Italy has a stunning coastline, is renowned for its food and is the gateway to the Amalfi Coast.

Package holidays including flights and hotel are available to both cities through easyJet holidays, with deposits from £60pp and the airline's Ultimate Flexibility policy included.

EasyJet's Kevin Doyle said: "The arrival of an additional aircraft demonstrates our long-term commitment to Liverpool and the region." Paul Winfield, director of aviation development at the airport, added the new routes provide "even greater choice" for holidaymakers.

See easyjet.com.

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GREECE/TURKEY CRUISE: An 11-night Greek Isles & Turkey trip sailing on board Princess Cruises' Enchanted Princess is from £1,599pp, departing Athens on September 25 and calling at Santorini, Kusadasi, Istanbul, Rhodes, Sicily, Valletta and Rome. princesscruises.com.

DORSET: Three nights' B&B at the 4★ Alexandra Hotel is from £490pp for arrival on August 28. Call 01297 442 010 or see hotelalexandra.co.uk.

CYPRUS: Seven nights' self-catering at the 3★ Makronisos Holiday Village is from £525pp based on two adults and one child sharing and including Manchester flights on August 18. Call 0208 492 6868 or see olympicholidays.com.

BEN BREAK DANCING

A HOLIDAYMAKER who took a Diversity dance class at Butlin's aged just seven is now performing with the troupe on the same stage.

Ben Winchcombe joined the workshop, *above with Diversity*, while on holiday at Bognor Regis in 2014 and his story forms the finale of Time Capsule, a new show created for family breaks.

Ashley Banjo tells the audience about the seven-year-old who joined a class, then childhood photos appear on screen before Ben dances with the group.

Ben said: "I've always loved dancing and they really inspired me, so returning 12 years later as part of the group feels surreal. Seeing the photographs on the big screens is an emotional moment."

The show is included in the price of a break, with three nights' for a family of four in Skegness from £251, or £62.75pp. See butlins.com.

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TENTBOX PUT TO THE TEST ON JURASSIC COAST

Shout it from the rooftop: I LOVE camping

BOX ROOM . . . Alice tries out the TentBox, which managed to change her mind about camping trips

CLASSIC ROCK . . . the Jurassic Coastline, which stretches from Dorset to Devon

I HAVE never really been one for camping.

The thought of huddling around a dimming campfire with a cold drizzle hanging in the air would normally fill me with dread.

But that's before I discovered TentBox. After a weekend away in Dorset, this little gadget changed my mind on camping entirely . . . and I had the time of my life.

Unlike other tents, TentBox – which attaches to the roof of your car, positioning you high above the ground – adds a certain sophistication to the outdoorsy experience.

We didn't have to carefully peg it down, nor spend the best part of our evening inflating a mattress.

And instead of wasting hours faffing with poles, this shortened our camping set-up time to less than ten minutes. Although, a word of warning, if you're not very tall (like me), be prepared for it to take a little longer as you struggle to reach the roof of your car.

Luckily, you don't need to be a camping pro either.

The hardest part of the set-up is firmly securing the box to your car roof – you will need roof bars for that and can check your car's compatibility easily online (there are certain weight limits on smaller cars).

Once that is out of the way, all you need to do is unzip the sides, pull down the ladder, and pop the tent up. Simple, right? Once you have clambered inside, you will find a comfy foam mattress, enough space for two to four people (depending on the TentBox model) and even skylights, so on a clear night you can stargaze in your PJs.

The highlight for me, however, was being able to avoid invading creepy crawlies thanks to our rooftop perch.

Horsebox sauna

With the TentBox fitted, we made our way to Sweet Hill Farm, which cost us just £13pp per night – much less than a Dorset hotel room – and it came with much better views, too.

At the very tip of the Isle of Portland peninsula, Sweet Hill Farm is strictly a no-frills spot, made up of just four fields with basic compost toilets, cold water taps and hot showers that cost £1 for three minutes of water.

But for non-campers like me, you can still get a flavour of luxury. A short walk away from the pitches is a wellness area, home to an icy cold plunge bath and a converted horsebox sauna, which costs £15 for an hour and a half session. Well worth it.

There is an on-site cafe, too, surrounded by picnic tables. It's great for when you are too lazy to spark up the campfire or need your morning coffee and bacon sarnie.

If you are up to campfire cooking, Kitchenbox does excellent camping sets that come with a stove, saucepan, chopping board, dishes, cutlery and a windbreak.

Scrambled egg and ham baguettes became our easy go-to.

When the weather took an unfortunate turn, we were packed up and heading towards a sunnier patch in minutes.

Chesil Beach, which connects Portland to the mainland, is a great spot for views – and it stretches for 18 miles. While it is stoney and not the ideal sunbathing spot, the sights of the Jurassic Coast on a bright day are incredible and sweep across the white cliffs to the steep hills of Portland.

Head to nearby Cove House Inn for hearty grub. This 18th-century pub sits right on Chesil Beach's esplanade and has been on my radar for a while, after it made the Big 7 Travel list of the 25 best spots for a seaside pint last year.

For classic seaside fun, Weymouth is less than a 20-minute ride down the coast from here.

Golden sands

Then you can make your way over to Durdle Door, or Boscombe and then Bournemouth, if you fancy.

Thanks to sweltering heat, the stretching golden sands of Bournemouth Beach were calling.

By this point, we had saved so much cash by ditching expensive beachside hotel rooms that we were able to treat ourselves to an Aperol Spritz and a cold beer on Bournemouth Pier.

It was an ideal way to toast to an adventure-filled weekend.

Perhaps one of many camping adventures to come . . .

ALICE PENWILL

GO: DORSET

STAYING THERE: The TentBox Lite can be bought from £44 a month on finance or costs £1,349 in total. See tentbox.com/products/tentbox-lite.

Car pitches at Sweet Hill Farm Camping start from £12 per adult. See sweethillfarm.co.uk.

BEACH TIME . . . Boscombe

VIEWS . . . Portland Bill

BOOST . . . Gatwick Airport

GATWICK GO-AHEAD

MILLIONS more holidaymakers will be able to fly from Gatwick after plans to bring its second runway into full use were finally given the OK.

The Court of Appeal has rejected legal challenges from two campaign groups opposing the airport's Northern Runway Project, ending an eight-year planning and legal battle.

The ruling confirms the Transport Secretary's decision to approve the scheme in September 2025 and means work can now move into the design and delivery phase.

Gatwick says the project will create 14,000 jobs and deliver a £1billion annual boost to the economy.

Chief executive Pierre-Hugues Schmit said: "This final ruling means that we can now press on with the important job of bringing this exciting project to life."

Karen Dee, chief executive of airports trade body AirportsUK, added: "The economic benefits will run to billions of pounds and lead to the creation of thousands of jobs."

SECURITY queues are the biggest cause of stress at UK airports.

Nearly a third of travellers (31 per cent) said Heathrow was the most stressful, in a survey by 1st Airport Taxis. Gatwick was second.

Luton came out best, with just eight per cent naming it.

Although queues topped the list of triggers, flight delays came next.

Summer holidays were found to be the most stressful time to fly, followed by Christmas and New Year.

The survey revealed nearly two-thirds of travellers now turn up at the airport earlier than they did three years ago.

AIRPORTS PRAISED

TRAVELLERS who need a helping hand at the airport are said to be getting better service than ever, with every major UK airport now rated good or very good for accessibility.

Nineteen of the 28 airports assessed by the Civil Aviation Authority earned the top "very good" mark, including Gatwick, Luton, Manchester, Edinburgh and Bristol. The other nine – among them Heathrow, Stansted, Birmingham and Glasgow – were rated good, with no airport marked down as poor or needing improvement.

A record 5.9million passengers used assistance services last year. Requests have jumped 115.8 per cent since 2015, while overall passenger numbers grew 23.9 per cent.

Disabled travellers are still less happy than other flyers, though. Satisfaction with air travel hit 88 per cent overall – the highest since the regulator's survey began in 2016 – but dropped to 82 per cent among passengers with accessibility needs, and 58 per cent said they had difficulties using airports and flying.

Anna Bowles, of the CAA, said: "Some disabled passengers still face difficulties when travelling, and with demand for assistance services continuing to rise, airports must continue to invest in services."

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A MIDNIGHT sun party inside the Arctic Circle caps Virgin Voyages' new sailings.

The adult-only cruise line is heading to Scandinavia and the Baltics for the first time, with six new itineraries on ship Valiant Lady in summer 2028. They include stops in Oslo, Copenhagen, a day trip to Berlin, plus overnight stays in port. The season also visits Norway's fjords and every voyage includes a port the line has never called at before.

The highlight is the Arctic Circle crossing, which leaves Amsterdam on August 14, 2028, and reaches 71 degrees north, with a midnight deck party to make the most of 24-hour daylight. You can now also book a Summer Season Pass, which covers four consecutive Northern Europe voyages, and includes a sea terrace cabin, onboard drinks credit, a free excursion, spa passes and laundry.

Bookings open on August 14, when prices are revealed.

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GO NORTH . . . cruise stops in Norway's Oslo

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WATCH OUT for scammers using AI to clone the voices of travel agents – and even your loved ones – to con you out of holiday cash.

That's the advice from Post Office Travel Insurance, which says travel scams have risen by 900 per cent in the past 18 months. Warning signs include unnatural pauses in conversation, high-pressure tactics and last-minute changes to bank details. Always check credentials and confirm details before paying.

Post Office spokesman Adam Edinburgh said: "Pause before you pay, verify through official channels and be sceptical of unsolicited 'help'."

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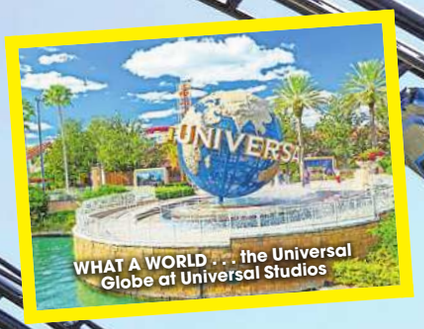

WHAT A WORLD . . . the Universal Globe at Universal Studios

MAGIC MOMENTS . . . Hagrid's motorbike ride, *below*, and big burgers in diner, *left*

Coaster gets raptorous applause

DINO-SOAR . . . in a spin on VelociCoaster at Islands of Adventure

FROM the moment our family of five was picked up in a giant car that would not fit on a typical UK street, I knew the saying was true.

Everything really is bigger in America.

We had just arrived for an action-packed week of thrills at Universal Orlando Resort, known for its record-breaking rides that are both bigger and better than many in the world.

We'd chosen Universal's own Loews Portofino Bay Hotel as our base.

It is geared up for the theme parks, with regular free coaches to Epic Universe and Volcano Bay and free water taxis running to Universal's CityWalk shopping and entertainment complex every 15 minutes.

Stays also include early entry to the parks and free Express Passes for Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure (a huge perk) – although you have to buy your park tickets separately.

Epic Universe, Universal's newest park, only opened last year and has already gained a huge fan base.

Now that the hype has died down a little, it is a great time to visit Epic. For us the queues were pretty manageable everywhere except for Super Nintendo World, a colourful and energetic land inspired by Super Mario and his pals.

My advice is to arrive early and head straight to get your fill of Mario, and then enjoy the rest of the park at your leisure.

To put this into perspective, queues for the Mine-Cart Madness ride can reach three hours, but it took us just 25 minutes.

GREEN MACHINE . . . Dan and son at Incredible Hulk coaster

Elsewhere, queues for The Stardust Racers rollercoaster, one of the most intense thrill rides in Orlando, were never more than ten minutes during our Easter break.

And Monsters Unchained: Frankenstein Experiment, one of the most brilliantly-executed themed rides I've ever been on, has some of the shortest queues.

Epic Universe is just one of four Florida theme parks under Universal's umbrella and you'd be mad not to explore the others.

We spent most of our time at Universal Studios park and the Islands of Adventure, which is so vast we were still discovering new rides on our final day.

The most popular ride is Hagrid's Magical Creatures Motorbike Adventure, the ride that everybody rushes to from the moment the gates open.

There is some controversy here as Universal stopped accepting Express Passes on this ride from July 1.

The decision was made in hope that it would bring the two-hour queue time down.

While Hagrid's heart-pumping attraction is certainly worth the long wait, Jurassic Park VelociCoaster was our favourite of the trip.

It reaches top speeds of 70mph and features the most insane turns that had us wobbling on our feet afterwards.

All those thrills require some down time, though. Luckily the parks are a delight to simply stroll around.

Universal Studios, in particular, will keep you mesmerised for hours, with highly-themed areas inspired by the streets of New York, San Francisco, Hollywood . . . and Springfield, home of the Simpsons.

Make sure to pop into Moe's Tavern for a pint of Duff Beer.

If you aren't staying at Loews Portofino Bay Hotel, it's probably worth forking out for an Express Pass – especially for those visiting for only a short period of time or during peak seasons such as the summer or school holidays.

Ours saved us buckets of time, allowing us to tackle more rides per day.

Express Pass holders won't have to faff around with ticket scanners either.

Many rides have been fitted with facial recognition technology now, which speeds up access at the turnstiles. It was an impressive touch that should become industry standard.

But that's not where Universal Orlando Resort's improvements end.

A brand new Fast & Furious rollercoaster is being built riverside, aiming to open in 2027, with construction work already under way.

It will be located next to our two favourite restaurants from the trip, the Hard Rock Cafe and the Chocolate Emporium, both of which serve delicious burgers.

The giant stack of ribs piled high in front of me at the Hard Rock reaffirmed my thoughts from the start of the trip.

Everything is bigger in America.

And not just the cars and the food – but now the grin on my face.

DAN COOMBS

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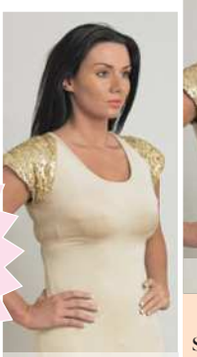
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LEARN! **Q I HAVE tried nemasys on my lawn three times and I still have leather jackets. How do I get rid of them?**

DEBBIE SMITH, via email

A You say you did this three times but was it the right time? Best is when the new grubs arrive in September/October, before then their skins are too tough.

IF YOU PEAS

TO get the best out of your sweetpeas, there's one crucial job you need to keep doing now they're in full flower. Just keep picking them!

If you leave them on the plant, they'll create seedpods – which then sends a message to the plant to stop flowering completely.

Cut the stems at the base and bring them indoors for bouquets. If you see pea-like pods already forming, snip them off immediately.

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AS if constant watering – along with hosepipe bans – aren't enough, there's a lot of garden pests and diseases that thrive during heatwaves.

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For example, in spring, it might take an aphid or spider mite 20 to 30 days to grow from an egg to a breeding adult, but in a heatwave, that same lifecycle drops to just five to seven days.

The heat also weakens a plant's natural ability to fight back, creating the perfect storm for pests and diseases.

With that in mind, I've put together a handy guide on what to watch out for and what to do.

DISEASES

POWDERY MILDEW

Symptoms: Distinct white, powdery, dusty coating on upper leaf surfaces.
Attacks: Roses, cucumbers, squashes, apples.
Treatment: Prune infected leaves. Only water base of plant and spray with a homemade milk-and-water mix (1:9 ratio) in full sun to kill fungi.

DOWNY MILDEW

Symptoms: Fuzzy white/grey growth on leaf undersides; yellow spots above.
Attacks: Peas, grapes and lettuce.
Treatment: Improve air circulation by thinning out crowded plants. Avoid overhead watering. Remove and destroy heavily infected crops completely.

TOMATO & POTATO BLIGHT

Symptoms: Fast-spreading dark brown blotches on leaves/stems; rotting fruit.
Attacks: Tomatoes, potatoes.
Treatment: Act fast. Strip all affected foliage. If stems turn black, pull the whole plant to save neighbours. Cut potato haulms (tops) to ground level to protect tubers.

RUST FUNGUS

Symptoms: Small, bright orange, brown, or rust-coloured pustules on leaf undersides.
Attacks: Hollyhocks, leeks, garlic, beans.
Treatment: Pick off first affected leaves to stop spore spread. Clear all fallen debris at season's end. Do not compost infected material; burn or bin it instead.

PESTS

TWO-SPOTTED SPIDER MITES

Symptoms: Fine silk webbing on stems; leaves mottled, yellowed, or dusty.
Attacks: Fuchsias, greenhouse tomatoes, cucumbers.
Treatment: Boost humidity. Mist the undersides of leaves with cold water to break their breeding cycle. Introduce predatory mites (Phytoseiulus persimilis) as a biological control.

APHIDS (GREENFLY/BLACKFLY)

Symptoms: Clusters of sticky insects on soft shoot tips.
Attacks: Roses, runner beans, lupins, chillies.
Treatment: Blast them off with a sharp jet of water from a garden hose. Then spray a solution of water mixed with a few drops of organic horticultural soap directly on to them.

THRIPS (THUNDERFLIES)

Symptoms: Silvery or bleached patches on leaves; tiny black dots of frass (droppings).
Attacks: Gladioli, leeks, indoor peppers.
Treatment: Hang up yellow or blue sticky traps just above the plant canopy to catch adults. Spray with neem oil or an organic insecticidal soap.

WHITEFLIES

Symptoms: Tiny white moth-like insects.
Attacks: Tomatoes, aubergines, fuchsias.
Treatment: Introduce encarsia formosa (a tiny beneficial parasitic wasp) into greenhouses. Use yellow sticky traps and vacuum around heavily infested leaves on cool mornings.

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Nottinghamshire v Northants

Chesterfield: Northamptonshire 259-8 (50.0 overs; G A Bartlett 55; L A Procter 53); Nottinghamshire 261-4 (46.4 overs; F W McCann 91; H Hameed 51). **Nottinghamshire win by 6 wickets.**

Leicestershire v Warwickshire

Grace Road: Warwickshire 220-10 (46.0 overs; K Smith 57); Leicestershire 222-7 (47.1 overs; N F Kelly 86; O J Hannon-Dalby 3-27). **Leicestershire win by 3 wickets.**

Somerset v Surrey

Taunton: Somerset 368-9 (50.0 overs; T A Lammonby 114; L P Goldsworthy 83; A M Vaughan 52; J P A Taylor 3-41); Surrey 180-10 (38.2 overs; A M Vaughan 3-41; M J Leach 3-29). **Somerset win by 188 runs.**

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Notts	6	4	0	2	0	0.209	16
Lancs	6	4	0	2	0	-0.012	16
Surrey	7	4	0	3	0	-0.233	16
Somerset	6	3	0	3	0	0.488	12
Kent	6	3	0	3	0	-0.567	12
Warwicks	6	2	0	4	0	-0.224	8
Northants	6	2	0	4	0	-0.229	8
Gloucs	6	1	0	5	0	-0.173	4

GROUP B

Glamorgan v Essex

Sophia Gardens: Essex 312-10 (47.1 overs; L M Benkenstein 140; N R M Thain 76; D A Douthwaite 3-57); Glamorgan 309-7 (50.0 overs; T van der Gugten 118no; A J Horton 85; S Snater 3-49). **Essex win by 3 runs.**

Yorkshire v Derbyshire

Scarborough: Derbyshire 278-8 (50.0 overs; M K Andersson 67; H R C Came 58; B M Cliff 3-57); Yorkshire 281-5 (49.2 overs; S M Whiteman 94; J H Wharton 75; G C H Hill 63no; N J Potts 3-78). **Yorkshire win by 5 wickets.**

Durham v Middlesex

Riverside: Durham 303-7 (50.0 overs; A Z Lees 103; W M H Rhodes 65; N Sharma 4-46); Middlesex 307-7 (49.3 overs; J B Cracknell 84; B B A Geddes 77). **Middlesex win by 3 wicket.**

Sussex v Worcestershire

Hove: Sussex 333-9 (50.0 overs; F J Hudson-Prentice 68; B J Gibbon 3-74); Worcestershire 334-6 (48.2 overs; J D Libby 109no; K Ali 73). **Worcs win by 4 wickets.**

	P	W	T	L	NR	RR	Pts
Middlesex	6	5	0	1	0	1.576	20
Yorkshire	7	5	0	2	0	0.612	20
Durham	6	4	0	2	0	0.314	16
Worcs	6	4	0	2	0	-0.213	16
Essex	6	3	0	3	0	0.174	12
Hampshire	6	3	0	3	0	-0.248	12
Derbyshire	6	2	0	4	0	0.491	8
Glamorgan	7	1	0	6	0	-1.074	4
Sussex	6	1	0	5	0	-1.546	2

GOLF

LIV GOLF (New York): **2nd Rnd** (USA unless stated) - **64** J Niemann (Chi), **66** L Herbert (Aus), I Poulter (Eng), **68** T Pieters (Bel), B Steele, **69** H Varner III, S Vincent (Zim), B Watson, L Westwood (Eng).

LADIES PIF LONDON CHAMPIONSHIP (Centurion Club, St Albans): **2nd Rnd** (Gbr & Irl unless stated) - **135** A Huang (Can) 67 68, **136** C Hull 74 62, **138** L Hall 71 67.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

CASTLEFORD (0) **0 HULL K R** (10) **44**

Hull K R - Tries: Litten, Davies (2), May (2), Burgess, Hiku, Martin. Goals: Hampshire, Martin (5).

LEIGH (12) **22 YORK** (10) **14**

Leigh - Tries: Charnley, Ofahengaue, Badrock, Armstrong. Goals: Cook (3).
York - Tries: Bennison (3). Goals: Bennison.

WAKEFIELD (16) **22 LEEDS** (6) **24**

Wakefield - Tries: Vagana, Hamlin-Uele, Myers, Sinfield. Goals: Sinfield (3).
Leeds - Tries: Croft, McDonnell, C. Smith, Hankinson. Goals: Connor (4).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds	22	18	0	4	768	326	36
Wakefield	22	16	0	6	609	376	32
Wigan	21	16	0	5	607	383	32
Hull K R	21	14	0	7	632	339	28
Warrington	20	14	0	6	526	346	28
Leigh	22	14	0	8	488	412	28
St Helens	22	12	0	10	502	492	24
Catalans	21	9	0	12	419	621	18
Toulouse	21	7	0	14	432	544	14
York	22	7	0	15	444	635	14
Castleford	22	7	0	15	390	702	14
Hull	22	6	0	16	385	481	12
Bradford	21	6	0	15	382	629	12
Huddsfield	21	4	0	17	333	631	8

TODAY'S SPORT

CRICKET

The Hundred: MI London v Trent Rockets (Lord's, Men 2:30pm, Women 11.0), Southern Brave v Manchester Super Giants (Utilita Bowl, Men 6.0, Women 2.30am)

GOLF

Wyndham Championship (Sedgefield CC, Greensboro, North Carolina).

LIV Golf New York (Trump National Golf Club Bedminster, New Jersey).

Ladies PIF London Championship (Centurion Club, St Albans).

MOTORCYCLING

MotoGP of UK (Silverstone).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League (5.30): Bradford v Warrington (6.30), Huddersfield v Catalans Dragons (2.0), Wigan v Toulouse.

Betfred Championship (2.30): Salford RLFC v Swinton.

Betfred Women's Super League (1.0): Leeds Rhinos v York Valkyrie (2.0), Leigh Leopards v Featherstone Rovers.

SNOOKER - China Open (Taiyuan).

TENNIS (

ATP Canadian Open (Montreal).

WTA Canadian Open (Toronto).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

The Hundred: SunRisers Leeds v Welsh Fire (Headingley, Men 2:30pm, Women 11.0), London Spirit v Birmingham Phoenix (Lord's, Men 6.0, Women 2.30).

Metro Bank One-Day Cup - Group A: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire (Cheltenham, 11am), Kent v Leicestershire (Beckenham, 11am).Northamptonshire v Somerset (Northampton, 11am), Warwickshire v Lancashire (Rugby, 11am). **Group B:** Derbyshire v Middlesex (Derby, 11am), Durham v Essex (Darlington, 11am),: Glamorgan v Worcestershire (Sophia Gardens, 11am), Sussex v Hampshire (Hove, 11am).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League (3.0):

Betfred Championship (3.0): Batley v Newcastle, Doncaster v North Wales Crusaders, Halifax v Barrow, Hunslet v Keighley, London Broncos v Goole Vikings, Midlands Hurricanes v Workington (2.0), Oldham v Sheffield, Rochdale v Whitehaven.

Betfred Women's Super League (2.0): Huddersfield Giants v Barrow Raiders.

SNOOKER

China Open (Taiyuan).

SUPER LEAGUE

Bradford v Warrington

6.30pm, sky sports+

Table topper

BURGESS NOTE GOT IT WRITE

By GARY CARTER

SAM BURGESS could be forgiven for thinking he is part of the furniture at Bradford — because he literally is.

The Warrington boss heads back to the stadium that set him on course to becoming a rugby league icon for the first time today.

And his impact can still be seen in one of the executive suites at Odsal.

A table has 'Sam Burgess, Man of the Match v Wakey. 1st points. Future G.B Captain!!', scrawled on it since 2007.

The graffiti predicted the future as Burgess did captain his country, leading England at the 2017 World Cup final.

He admitted team-mate Joe Vagana was responsible for the message, while also revealing his days travelling to training with Bulls pals in an SUV that had a game console installed in it!

Ahead of this evening's clash, Burgess, 37, said: "I'll never forget that moment.

"We'd played Wakefield, when Paul Deacon and Iestyn Harris were both injured, so I ended up kicking goals that day.

"Then Joe wrote that on the table. I was embarrassed and a few people think I wrote that. He did my signature very well!

"Joey was a big part of my enjoyment at Bradford, we had a great relationship and a bit of the message came true.

"I'd travel in with Joe, Lesley Vainikolo, Glenn Morrison and Shontayne Hape. It was an awesome bunch of guys.

"Lesley had a big Cadillac Escalade he bought off Wayne Rooney.

"It was a cool way to travel for training – it had an Xbox in it. We could play Xbox on the way to training!"

Burgess *(above)* insisted the thought of being back at Odsal is not stirring any emotions.

But he recalled when, as a teenager, he was put through rugby league's version of a finishing school. He said: "It was a little bit different to what it is now as a young player.

"We had to wash everyone's boots and hang them back up on the peg for the next day.

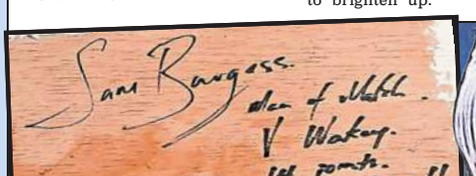
"You weren't allowed to speak or play pool unless you're the last person in the room.

"But it taught you respect. It was a really good place to come through with some awesome blokes."

Burgess is ready to welcome back several injured players as the Wolves look to finish in the top two.

England captain George Williams, 31, will also return soon following his neck op.

Burgess added: "Things are starting to brighten up."



SCRAWL TO PLAY FOR . . . Burgess was a young Bull in 2007 when his pal wrote on a table at Odsal Stadium (left)

CONNOR . . . cool

It's a Sin as Jake steels win

Wakefield.....22
Leeds.....24

By GARY CARTER

JACK SINFIELD looked set to leave watching dad Sir Kevin not knowing whether to laugh or cry.

The Leeds legend saw his 21-year-old son score a try, provide two assists and kick three goals to give Trinity a 22-6 lead.

But Jake Connor's nerves of steel helped Leeds extend their lead at the top — although Wakefield did underline their title credentials.

Sinfield added to first-half tries from Joe Vagana, Caleb Hamlin-Uele and Jayden Myers.

But James McDonnell and Cameron Smith matched Brodie Croft's earlier score for Leeds to set up an epic ending.

And with three minutes left, Chris Hankinson touched down a kick from Connor, who slotted over the crunch conversion.

Leeds coach Brad Arthur said: "We didn't give in and our bench changed the game."

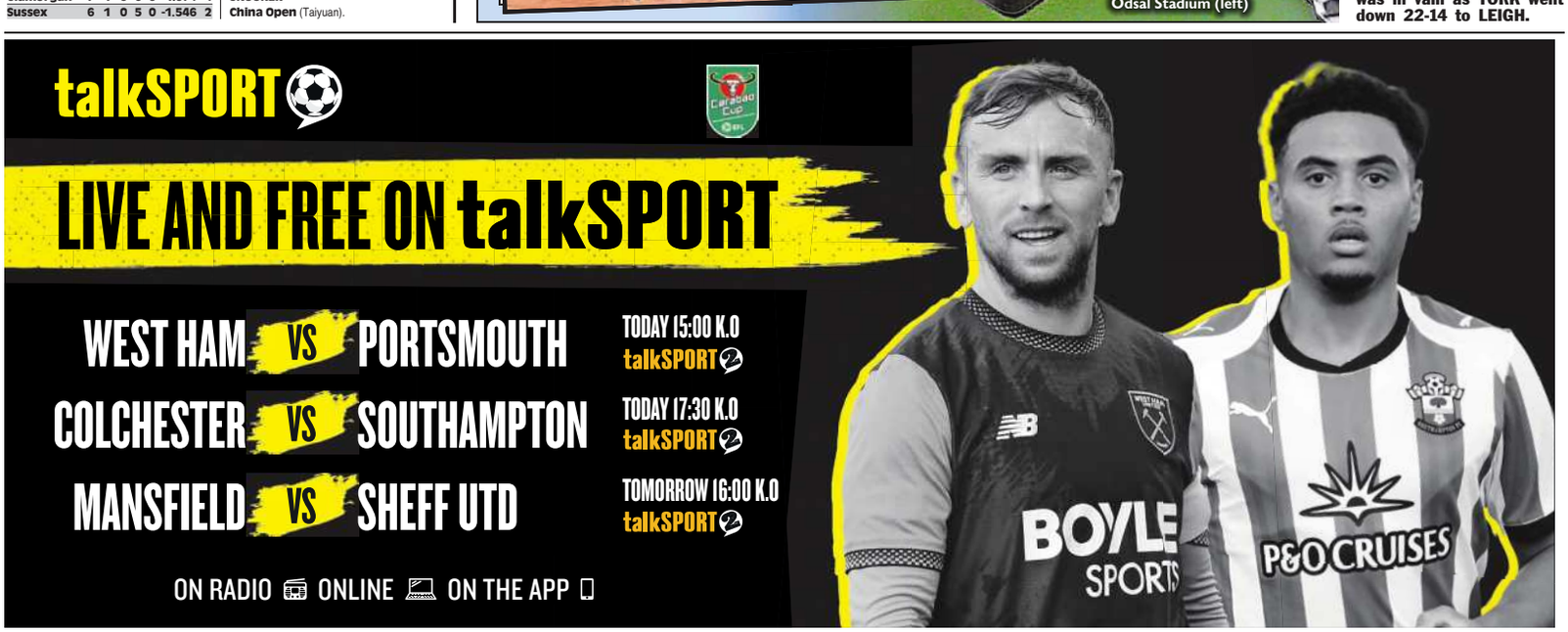
You would not bet against these two sides meeting in the Grand Final at Old Trafford.

Wakefield boss Daryl Powell said: "We were outstanding in the first half but a bit loose defensively in the second.

"There's nothing for us to get too down about."

CASTLEFORD fans vented their frustration in the absence of boss Ryan Carr — presumed suspended — during a 44-0 thrashing by HULL KR.

Jon Bennison's hat-trick was in vain as YORK went down 22-14 to LEIGH.



BOXING

SIMPSON OPENS HEART

MY LIL RAE OF LIGHT

ALWAYS THERE . . . Simpson shows off tribute to Lily-Rae (with the boxer, far right) on his ring return just five months after her death

Tragic sis inspires Cal

CALLUM SIMPSON did not mourn the loss of his undefeated record for a single second — having learned the real meaning of grief.

EXCLUSIVE by WALLY DOWNES Jr

Barnsley's 29-year-old super-middleweight ace had his career derailed in December when underdog Troy Williamson dropped him **FOUR** times in the tenth round.

But the 2024 death of 19-year-old sister Lily-Rae, in a road accident while on holiday in Zante, has given Simpson a perspective way beyond four corners and a canvas.

He told SunSport: "I didn't mourn my record, my family were probably more worried about it than me.

"I lost my little sister a few years ago, that's loss.

"That's real pain and perspective and losing a fight would never compare, trying to come through it . . . still trying to come through it.

"I lost a fight but it's about how I come back from it now.

"I can't drop my head or feel sorry for myself."

Simpson heroically returned to the ring just five months after Lily-Rae's heartbreaking death and insisted that, rather than hiding his agony, he wanted to say and see her name as often as possible.

He added: "Lily-Rae Simpson . . . every fight I have her name on my kit and gloves, she's always with me.

"I was offered time off and easier fights but she was my biggest fan, she would have wanted me to keep taking big fights and pushing forward. If I could push on through that, I can push through anything."

Fellow boxer Anthony Joshua lost his best friends Sina Ghami and Latif Ayodele in a car crash in December and the heavyweight was urged to take more time to recover.

London 2012 hero AJ, 36, returned last month and had to climb off the canvas to beat Kristian Prenga.

And Simpson explained: "Boxing has been a massive help to me.

"I had good talks in the gym that would take my mind off things and it also offered a physical outlet.

"Even interviews, having the chance to speak about Lily-Rae, it all helped."

Darlington's Williamson *(left)* resurrected his career with the violent stoppage at Leeds' First Direct Arena, the venue for tonight's rematch.

Before that, he had lost four of his previous six fights, with a hat-trick of those down at the 11st super-welterweight limit he was brutalising himself to reach.

Now a stone heavier, he knows the pain 6ft 3in Simpson is going through to make the 12st limit.

The 5ft 11in Williamson, 34, said: "He's probably trained and sparred around 13st, so when he gets to 12st he will be a shadow of his former self.

"I was never the same fighter at 11st, I would fight like I was walking on clouds.

"He's a big fella. The hardest bit for him hasn't even started yet.

"He's still got to dry out and then we will see."

Benn is weighting

FEUD . . . Eubank & Benn

CONOR BENN is willing to jump THREE weight divisions to settle his family feud with Chris Eubank Jr.

The Destroyer is fighting next opponent Ryan Garcia at welterweight, for which he will aim to be 10st 7lb.

However, he is willing to leap to a staggering 12st for a super-middleweight clash with his old enemy Eubank.

The duo reignited the war after their fathers — Nigel Benn and Chris Eubank Sr — had two epic 1990s scraps.

Eubank Jr, 36, won their first middleweight clash at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in April last year — but Benn took revenge seven months later at the same venue.

EXCLUSIVE by JO AUJLA

And he is up for a meeting at Eubank Jr's preferred 168lb — or 12st — limit.

Benn told SunSport: "I'm open for the trilogy.

"I'd fight him at 168, of course. No excuses, no rehydration clause, none of that."

Benn says his September 12 world-title clash with Garcia in Las Vegas will be his final fight at 147lb.

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Mo: Disciplined Stephen will take an old-school approach

SUPER KING OF COACHES . . . Moeen (below) had success under England's new Test coach Stephen Fleming with IPL side Chennai

MOEEN ALI reckons Stephen Fleming will be a BRILLIANT England Test coach.

New Zealander Fleming worked with Moeen for four seasons at Chennai Super Kings, when they won the IPL twice.

And the former England all-rounder is convinced Fleming, 53, is the man to bring back some old-school methods after the freewheeling Bazball era under former coach Brendon McCullum.

In 2021, Moeen became the first England player to appear in an IPL-winning franchise. And he believes Fleming's outstanding qualities are discipline and calmness under pressure.

Moeen revealed: "Even when we had a bad season, he was extremely calm.

"He's someone who takes the pressure off players and takes it on himself.

"He was always very clear with how he wanted me to play. That clarity was probably the reason I had such a good year in 2021."

Fleming was handed the job after England supremo Rob Key's first choice, Andy Flower, decided to stay on the lucrative franchise circuit.

Perhaps ironically, however, Flower's megabucks London Spirit team already have no chance of reaching the latter stages of The Hundred.

Former Blackcaps captain Fleming – who led his country in a record 80 of his 111 Test matches – was available as the next-best choice after ending his 18-year association with Chennai.

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

Moeen, who also worked with Fleming at Chennai's sister franchise Joburg Super Kings, has been playing for Southern Brave in The Hundred this summer at the age of 39.

He added: "Stephen is a great appointment. It's the right time for him and for England, too

"He has a really nice demeanour, he's brilliant at communicating and a lot more old school than Baz, who was a free spirit kind of coach.

"Flem is very different. He's more intense than people see but he's good at controlling his emotions.

"Even though he's been a good T20 coach, he knows Test cricket and won more than a hundred caps. You never forget those things.

"He's a manager-style coach, someone who gets people in the right frame of mind."

Fleming's first match in charge will not be until the three-Test series in South Africa, beginning in December.

Current batting coach Marcus Trescothick will be interim head coach for the three home Tests against Pakistan starting at Headingley on August 19.

But Fleming endorsed the return of Joe Root as captain and was involved in the selection of England's 16-man squad for the first two Tests, which was unveiled on Thursday.

He is expected to arrive in the UK next month and has also started moves to assemble a new backroom team with an approach to Aussie legend Mike Hussey to be Test batting coach.

That could mean Trescothick switching to work with the white-ball teams under McCullum, who kept the limited-overs part of his job when he was sacked as Test coach last month.

Key insists England are lucky to hire a man of Fleming's qualities but Moeen – who played 68 Tests between 2014 and 2023, scoring 3,094 runs at an average of 28.13 and taking 204 wickets – reckons it works both ways.

He said: "The opportunity to coach England is too good to turn down, it's still an amazing job.

"This is still one of the biggest jobs in world cricket and it's no surprise that Flem wanted to have a crack at it.

"The IPL is great, don't get me wrong. But to be a Test coach, especially for one of the big teams, is still the ultimate job."

FLEMING HONOURS

PLAYER		COACH	
New Zealand	Notts	Chennai Super Kings	
ICC Champions Trophy 2000	County Championship 2005	Indian Premier League 2010, 2011, 2018, 2021, 2023	Champions League 2010, 2014

FLINTOFF . . . pride

Freddie's Lions exit

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

ANDREW FLINTOFF quit as England Lions coach because he wants to join the lucrative franchise circuit.

The former Test all-rounder and captain already has a gig with Sydney Thunder in the Big Bash this winter.

Flintoff was coaxed back to cricket by his close friend Rob Key, the England team supremo, after his near-fatal accident while filming for Top Gear.

But 'Freddie' never had ambitions to become head coach of the senior England team.

Flintoff, 48, said: "Not only have I enjoyed having the opportunity to work with the best young cricketers in the country, but have taken great pride in seeing them develop.

"I'd like to thank the coaches and staff for all their passion, tireless work and support they give every day and obviously Rob for trusting me with one of the most important roles in English cricket.

"I can't wait to get started with the Thunder later in the year and see where coaching takes me."

Flintoff joined the Lions in September 2024 and was more of an encourager than a technical coach.

Recent results have been poor, partly because other countries field their second teams while the Lions pick youngsters.

Ed Barney, ECB men's performance director, said: "Fred has helped to transform the Lions environment into a programme that has had a major impact on young players.

"He has helped bring forward a new generation of young players."

KO'd Gay Test scare

By JACK ROSE

EMILIO GAY has handed England a scare after hurting his shoulder.

Gay, who made his Test debut in June and is in the squad to face Pakistan this month, injured his right shoulder while batting for Durham.

The left-hander, 26, looked in discomfort during the Metro Bank One-Day Cup clash against Middlesex.

And he was forced to retire hurt on just nine.

There is no specialist opening cover in the 16-strong England squad named this week.

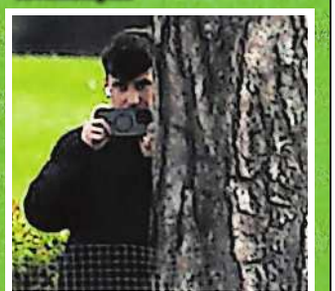
Surrey's returning Ollie Pope — dropped after this winter's Ashes defeat — is the spare batter.

CARABAO CUP FIRST ROUND

Minus a plus

SAINTS LOOK UP AFTER 4-POINT PENALTY

SAINT STEPHENS . . . Defender Jack starts his 16th season at Southampton



GUILTY . . . of spying on rival teams

EXCLUSIVE by CHARLIE GORDON

JACK STEPHENS reckons Southampton's four-point deduction has fired up the squad to "put things right".

Saints will start the season bottom of the Championship after they were found guilty of spying on rivals last season.

They finished fourth following an incredible unbeaten run and beat Middlesbrough in the play-off semis – only to be kicked out of the final against Hull.

German boss Tonda Eckert was responsible for snooping missions and the FA charged him – though he has retained the backing of Saints owner Dragan Solak.

Captain Stephens, 32, in his 16th season at the club, said: "The way the season ended was disappointing.

"It was important for everyone to get away, clear their heads and come back with a clean slate.

"We've all come back with a mindset that we want to get promoted. We felt like we deserved it last season, but that counts for nothing. Now we need to prove it.

"We're not starting from scratch, we're starting from minus four points. It's going to be an uphill task but it's one we're very much looking forward to.

"We've spoken about it and we're well aware of the challenge ahead. But we're also very keen to use that to drive us forward.

"We've got the bit between our teeth – we want to put things right for the club.

"We're very confident, but we have to start again and use this as the driving force."

Spygate was a chaotic end to a campaign that promised so much after Eckert master-minded a 19-match unbeaten streak, which took Saints from the Championship relegation places to the play-offs.

So for Stephens there is no question about whether the boss and the squad are strong enough to be in the promotion mix again.

He said: "A hundred per cent. The evidence is there from last season. I've got no doubts that we're going to be very close to promotion.

"Our squad has stayed pretty much the same, in comparison to the teams who have come down and have a lot to sort out.

"We're extremely motivated to put those four points right and we want to do it quickly."

Saints would be wise to expect hostile welcomes from most grounds this season.

Their first competitive assignment is against fourth-tier Colchester this afternoon in the Carabao Cup.

Stephens added: "We've approached this as an important game, which it is."

● Jack Stephens spoke to SunSport on behalf of Midnite, Southampton's official training kit partner.

My Ton of gratitude

TONDA ECKERT admits he is "grateful" to have kept his Southampton job in the wake of Spygate.

Saints were banned from May's Championship play-off final despite beating Middlesbrough in the semi after being found guilty of spying on Boro and other rivals' training.

Boss Eckert, 33, is awaiting the result of an FA misconduct charge.

Ahead of today's Carabao Cup clash at Colchester, he said: "It means a lot that owner Dragan Solak wasn't swayed by public opinion, but looked at what actually happened.

"I am very grateful for that."

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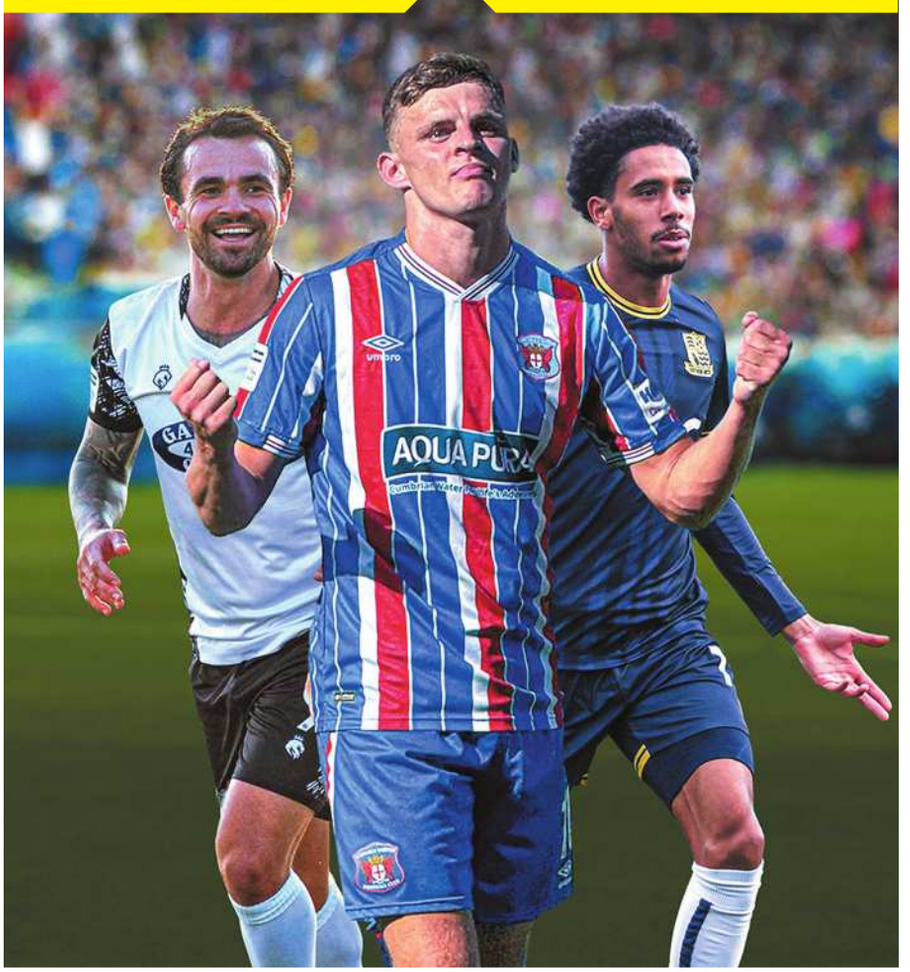

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

CARABAO CUP 1ST ROUND

MIDDLESBRO (0) 1 WREXHAM (0) 0
Lankshear 61 Att: 18,221

WOLVES (3) 3 PORT VALE (0) 0
Armstrong 14
Andre Trindade 34
Lopez 43
Att: 21,360

WYCOMBE (1) 1 STEVENAGE (1) 2
Henderson 39 Kemp 27
Att: 2,510 Magennis 90

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP

PARTICK (2) 2 LIVINGSTON (0) 0
Crawford 4
MacPherson 44 (og)
Att: 3,939

FRIENDLY MATCHES

BYN MUNICH (1) 2 ASTON VILLA (0) 1
Kim 37 Joao Gomes 83
Diaz 73

FULHAM (1) 1 CRYSTAL PAL (1)2
Robinson 3 Sarr 33, Franca 47

WELSH PREMIER - Airbus UK Broughton 0 Cardiff Met Uni 2, Ammanford 2 Colwyn Bay 2, Caernarfon Town 1 Penybont 2, Cambrian United 1 Briton Ferry 1, Flint Town United 2 Barry Town United 3, Holywell Town 1 Connah's Quay Nomads 3, The New Saints FC 2 Haverfordwest County 0, Trefelin BGC 0 Llandudno 4.

TODAY

(3.0 unless stated)

CARABAO CUP 1ST ROUND

AFC Wimbledon v Newport Cty
Barnsley v Wigan
Bradford v Rochdale
Bristol Rovers v Peterborough
Bromley v Reading
Burnley v Notts County
Burton Albion v Blackburn
Cambridge Utd v Barnet 1.0
Cardiff v Swindon
Cheltenham v Charlton 5.30
Colchester v Southampton 5.30
(Live on Sky Sports Main Event)
Crewe v Accrington Stanley
Derby v Lincoln City
Fleetwood Tn v Chesterfield
Gillingham v Luton
Grimsby v Blackpool
Leicester v Northampton
Leyton Orient v Oxford Utd
Norwich v MK Dons
Preston v Huddersfield
QPR v Millwall 2.0
Rotherham v West Brom 5.30
Salford City v Shrewsbury
Sheff Wed v Bolton
Stockport County v Doncaster
Stoke v Oldham
Swansea v Birmingham
West Ham v Portsmouth
Watford v Crawley Tn

WILLIAM HILL PREMIERSHIP

Dundee v Aberdeen
St Mirren v St Johnstone

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP: Arbroath v Inverness CT, Dunfermline v Ayr, Queen's Park v Raith, Stenhousemuir v Morton.

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE ONE: Airdrie v East Kilbride, East Fife v Cove Rangers, Hamilton v Alloa, Queen of South v Peterhead, Ross County v Montrose.

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE TWO: Dumbarton v Clyde, Elgin v Forfar, Kelty Hearts v Stirling, Spartans v Edinburgh City, Stranraer v Annan Athletic.

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL: AFC Fylde v Wealdstone, Altrincham v Southend, Boreham Wood v Tamworth, Boston Utd v Aldershot, Carlisle v Worthing, Eastleigh v Gateshead, Forest Green v FC Halifax, Harrogate Tn v Solihull Moors, Hartlepool v Barrow, Hornchurch v Kidderminster, Scunthorpe v Yeovil, Woking v Sutton Utd.

ENTERPRISE NORTH: AFC Telford v Brackley, Buxton v Hereford FC, Chorley v Chester FC, Darlington v Worksop Tn, Hebburn Tn v Southport, King's Lynn Tn v Harborough Tn, Marine v Macclesfield FC, Merthyr Tn v Hednesford Tn, Morecambe v Spennymoor Tn, Oxford City v Bedford Tn, Radcliffe v Spalding Utd, Scarborough v South Shields.

ENTERPRISE SOUTH: Billericay v Dover, Braintree Tn v Tonbridge Angels, Dorking Wanderers v Dag & Red, Farnham Tn v AFC Totton, Folkestone Invicta v Walton & Hersham, Hemel Hempstead v Chelmsford, Maidstone Utd v Farnborough, Salisbury FC v Hampton & Richmond, Torquay v Horsham, Truro City v Maidenhead Utd, Weston-S-Mare v Chesham Utd.

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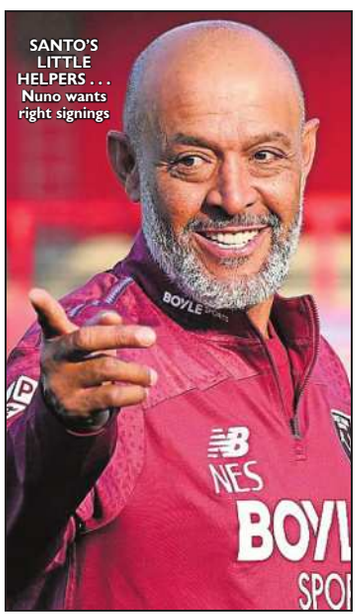
BUBBLE 'N' CREAK

Club have to sort transfer business and give loyal fans a reason to cheer

LONDON STADIUM CALLING . . . Hammers fans hope to see some new faces after the club banked big cash over the summer



SANTO'S LITTLE HELPERS . . . Nuno wants right signings

NUNO YOUR LIMITS

By JUSTIN ALLEN

NUNO ESPIRITO SANTO has pleaded with anxious West Ham fans for patience — insisting the club cannot afford to make transfer blunders.

Hammers supporters are growing frustrated over a lack of major summer signings since suffering relegation to the Championship.

The Irons have only landed veteran full-back Joel Veltman, 34, on a free from Brighton, leaving the squad threadbare for today's Carabao Cup opener against Portsmouth.

Key stars Mateus Fernandes and Crysencio Summerville have both been sold for massive money.

Yet Nuno insists new recruitment chief Nils Koppen is working round the clock to deliver top targets.

The Hammers gaffer said: "What we have to realise is that we have time – what we cannot afford is mistakes.

"So we can afford some time, but we have to make it right. To avoid mistakes is crucial this year.

"The player that comes in has to have the same mission we have. We are taking our time so we can have the right boys coming in."

West Ham v Portsmouth
CARABAO CUP FIRST ROUND, 3PM
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Despite the pre-season anxiety, East London is buzzing as more than 50,000 tickets have been sold.

The staggering turnout will smash the all-time Carabao Cup first-round attendance record.

Nuno said: "We feel the passion and support in the streets.

"It's amazing and we cannot thank them enough. It's up to us now to give back to them on the pitch."

Crucial to that mission was keeping captain Jarrod Bowen, 29, who turned down Premier League interest.

Nuno hailed Bowen's loyalty as a massive boost, saying: "Jarrod is a clear example of our dedication and commitment to the club.

"He is a leader, a fantastic player and a fantastic boy to have around."

One man high on Nuno's wishlist is Chelsea central defender Axel Disasi following his impressive loan spell last season.

And the Portuguese boss admitted the Frenchman, 28, gave his squad an instant boost when he arrived.

He said: "The first day that he stepped in we felt the upgrade.

"We know the profiles of players we want, so let the club do their job."

On landing former Seagulls star Veltman, Nuno said: "We are delighted. He's going to bring us experience, talent and versatility."

West Ham are in talks for AZ striker Troy Parrott, 24, and have had two bids rejected for 22-year-old Celtic midfielder Arne Engels.

Mexico captain and midfielder Edson Alvarez, 28, is considering staying in the second tier.

Nuno added: "All the players here know our opinion on their situation. They are options and we will do all we can to take the best out of them."

Midfielder Freddie Potts, 22, has joined Club Brugge for £11million and Nuno said: "That was a very difficult decision. Freddie is a fantastic player.

"But we have to understand his need to develop."

FOR THE HAMMERS

TEN years ago, West Ham packed up a century of history at the Boleyn Ground and made the short trip across the capital to the London Stadium.

By **JUSTIN ALLEN**

It was billed as the dawn of a brave new era – a move designed to elevate the club into European football's elite.

A decade on and they find themselves playing in the Championship in a stadium that most fans despise.

Relegation was predicted to trigger total Hammergeddon, especially with debts reported to be north of **£100MILLION**.

Yet, as they prepare to step out today for the first round of the Carabao Cup against Portsmouth, there is a bizarre feelgood factor in the air – reflected in a staggering 50,000 season tickets sold.

That tally smashes the Championship record of 37,000 set by Newcastle in 2016 and beats West Ham's top-flight sales from last year by 4,000.

Prices have also been reduced by ten to 30 per cent.

The cheapest sets fans back just £310 – or £13.48 a game – beaten by only Lincoln (£273), QPR (£275), Bolton (£279) and Blackburn (£299).

Add the fact that only Manchester United, Arsenal, Liverpool and Spurs are likely to be able to pull in bigger home crowds across the country this season and it is quite some going for a second-tier club.

Behind the scenes, however, boardroom friction continues.

Fans were delighted when David Sullivan, 77, resigned as co-chair following historic accusations from women of sexually exploitative and predatory behaviour – claims he denies. But with a 38.8 per cent stake, he remains a key figure in the power struggle.

Sullivan is even considering ignoring advice from stadium bosses not to turn up today.

Czech billionaire Daniel Kretinsky had previously looked set to take control but former Newcastle figurehead Amanda Staveley has now entered the frame.

Staveley and her PCP Capital Partners consortium have agreed a deal to buy Vanessa Gold's 25.1 per cent shareholding, triggering a complex pre-emption process where existing shareholders can match the offer.

While the equity shuffle will not directly hinder the club's business in the transfer market this summer, the off-field noise is unwelcome.

What is worrying the fans right now is not boardroom battles but the lack of signings.

Yes, they finally made a move on Thursday by snapping up experienced full-back Joel Veltman, 34, following his departure from Brighton.

But one ageing free agent is not going to calm the pre-season nerves. Supporters remain anxious.

Yet there is a harsh reality to life in the Championship that fans must accept.

When you drop out of the top flight, you almost always have to wait right up until deadline day – when the Prem sides have done their business – to go for targets.

Take Axel Disasi, 28, as the prime example.

West Ham are desperate to bring the Chelsea defender back on a permanent deal after his impressive loan spell.

Disasi is prepared to return but wants to hold off until the final days of the window in case a late offer from a top-flight club at home or abroad materialises. Crystal Palace are said to be sniffing.

In the meantime, Nuno Espirito Santo's squad still looks threadbare.

Selling playmaker Mateus Fernandes and attacking midfielder Crysencio Summerville have left huge voids to fill. Which makes the decision to let Freddie Potts move to Club Brugge surprising.

It leaves the midfield cupboard bare.

Relegation usually causes a dressing-room exodus but keeping manager Nuno and captain Jarrod Bowen, 29, has at least given the Irons hope.

This time last year Nuno had taken Nottingham Forest into Europe for the first time in **THIRTY** years.

And let us not forget, he led Wolves to the Championship title in 2018 with 99 points.

Bowen was predicted by many pundits to leave, with Liverpool, Chelsea, Tottenham and Aston Villa contacting his representatives.

Sources close to the player told me although his heart was with West Ham, his head urged a Premier League move.

But his heartstrings pulled too much and so he stayed.

The deal to keep him was creative.

Bowen agreed to slash basic wages so West Ham adhere to EFL profit and sustainability rules but will claw it back in bonuses if promoted.

If they don't go up, a clause lets him leave on the cheap.

The sales of Fernandes to Spurs for an eye-watering £85m and Summerville to Saudi side Al-Hilal for £60m have strengthened West Ham's financial hand.

Jean-Clair Todibo – who fell out with Nuno after being subbed at Newcastle in May after 25 minutes – is set to leave for around £35m.

Surely they will offload flop striker Niclas Fullkrug, too.

Now it is all down to new director of recruitment Nils Koppen to deliver.

His mandate is: Bring in genuine pace and completely rebuild a midfield that can dominate the division.

If they sort out that, West Ham will be fine.

They could even be on track to mark their decade at the London Stadium by bouncing straight back up.

SPOTLIGHT . . . Sullivan and skipper Bowen

FLYING START . . . Will Lankshear scores a debut stunner

Overhead kick is 'Shear class

Middlesboro.....1
Wrexham.....0

By COLIN YOUNG

WILL LANKSHEAR began life on Teesside with a stunning winner to send Boro into the next round of the Carabao Cup.

The £10million signing from Spurs scored a lovely debut goal to see off visitors Wrexham.

Expectations are high for Lankshear *(below)*, who scored 11 goals for Oxford last season after his handful of Prem appearances for Tottenham.

He squandered a couple of early opportunities – including an off-target header and long-range effort which just cleared the bar.

But the 21-year-old made no mistake when fellow new signing and USA World Cup star Sebastian Berhalter nodded the ball on and his overhead kick flew past Danny Ward's outstretched arms. Scorer Lankshear said: "It was a really good night – the boys played really well.

"You get the feeling of something really positive here, so it's great to be involved."

His goal woke a half-full, dozing Riverside.

Wales keeper Ward did pull off a superb save to deny Adilson Malanda at close range, while Boro stopper Sol Brynn kept out Sam Smith. Oliver Rathbone, Callum Doyle and Lewis O'Brien also had chances for the Red Dragons, while Morgan Whittaker hit a post for Boro late on.

Wrexham boss Phil Parkinson said: "We only got back from America on Tuesday and I felt we did enough to win it."

FLIER FOR CESAR

Wolves.....3 Port Vale.....0

By GRAHAM HILL

NEW Wolves boss Cesar Peixoto marked his first competitive game in charge with a Carabao Cup cruise.

Adam Armstrong, Andre and Fer Lopez, with his first goal for the club, all struck in the opening half.

That was after Jaheim Headley's seventh-minute shot for League Two Port Vale spun off the crossbar.

And they missed a chance to pull one back when Mo Faal's second-half penalty was saved by Dan Bentley.

But the biggest cheer came for Mexico World Cup star Raul Jimenez, who came on as a second-half sub on his Wolves return after three years with Fulham.

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BRONZE . . . concerns

Bronze boycott Fifa call

By DAN KING

LIONESSES legend Lucy Bronze says England should boycott the Fifa Under-20 Women's World Cup next month.

The global game is split over support for the Fifa president Gianni Infantino, with Mexico and Argentina joining African nations in backing the Swiss.

But Bronze, a two-time Euros winner, says players and nations should stand behind Uefa's threat not to participate in any Fifa competitions until Infantino resigns or is fired.

The Chelsea star, 34, said: "We stand by our beliefs and what the right thing is for our game.

"And if that means boycotting competitions, then that has to happen.

"It's for the future of the game and not just for me today and tomorrow.

"It's for all the girls or boys who come after us, to make sure they're in a good place when the game's moving forward in decades to come."

If Infantino continues to cling on to his job, the first test of Uefa resolve would be this tournament, which is due to kick off in Poland on September 5.

It is scheduled to feature 24 teams and England are one of six European nations to have qualified.

Uefa are refusing to accept Infantino staying in power after his secret plot to sell off stakes in the World Cup and other Fifa events was exposed.

Norwegian FA president Lise Klaveness, a leading long-term critic of the Fifa president on a number of issues, said: "We decided that there is no trust in Infantino now.

"We have been worried consistently and there has been one more step in a worrying direction every year. There is no way back for Infantino."

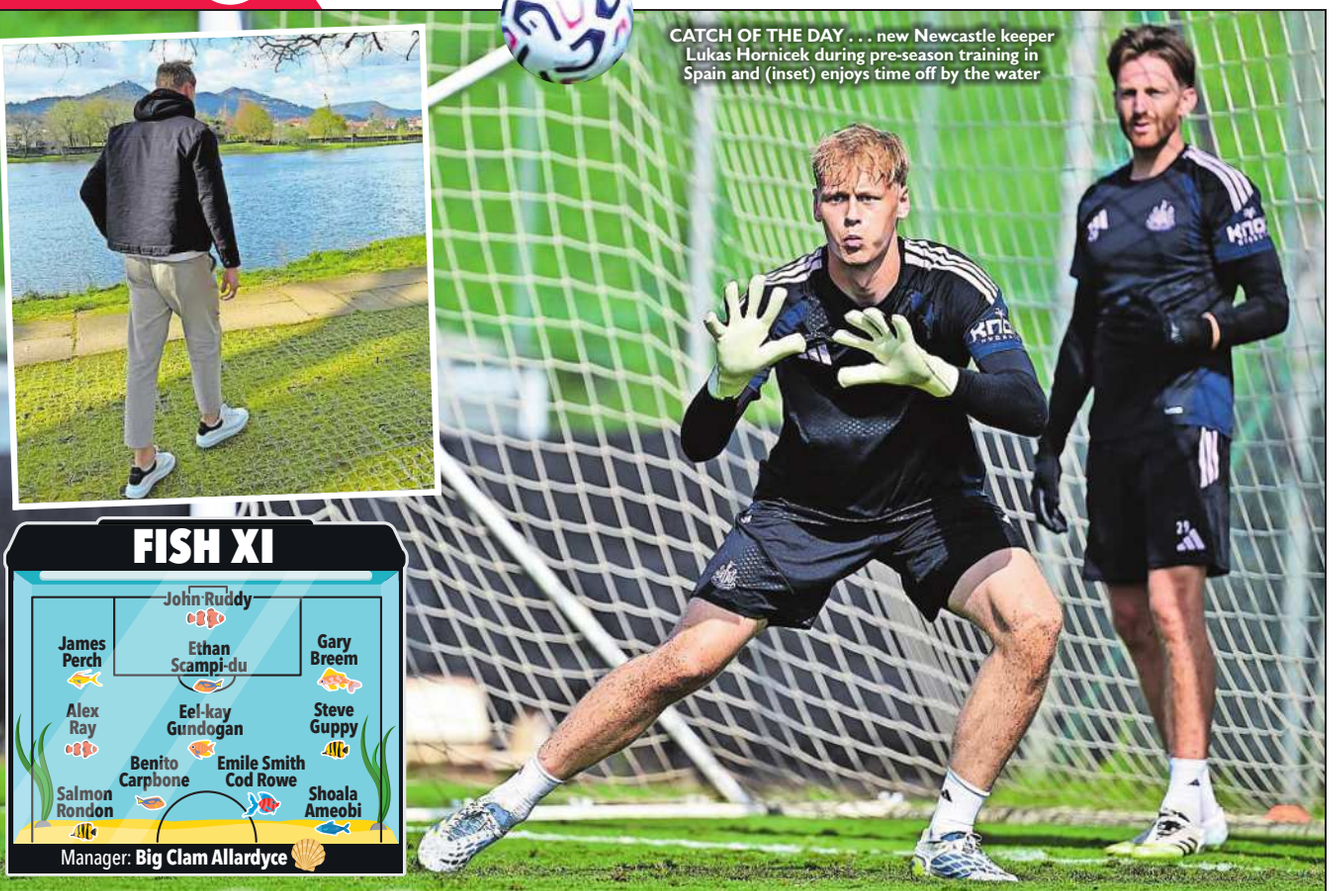
But Argentina and Mexico expressed support for the under-fire chief and the South American confederation, Conmebol, has said it would not support any attempt to unseat the 56-year-old in the short term.

African confederation CAF has also given Infantino unanimous backing ahead of next March's presidential election, despite the scandal.

There's no trust in Infantino now . . .
– LISE KLAVENESS

PREM

THE NEW GUY IN NET



CATCH OF THE DAY . . . new Newcastle keeper Lukas Hornicek during pre-season training in Spain and (inset) enjoys time off by the water

FISH XI

HOOK, TYNE AND SINKER

Toon reeled in Horni while he was fishing

LUKAS HORNICEK had a fishing rod in his hand when Newcastle reeled him in last week.

The angling nut could not believe his luck when he got a bite from the Toon – while wrestling a carp.

Newcastle netted the highly-rated keeper from Braga by triggering his £25.7million release clause.

Czech ace Hornicek – nicknamed 'Horni' at Portuguese side Braga – said this week he will try to shed the moniker on Tyneside because it "doesn't go well" in English.

But the 24-year-old told SunSport: "I would like to bring the sexy football by winning the games and by making the fans happy.

"My transfer is a funny story. I was fishing for two days in Portugal, because my girlfriend and daughter went to the Czech Republic for one of her exams. So, I was there alone

From GARY STONEHOUSE
IN LA MANGA

and was like, 'OK, let's go fishing' to get my mind off of everything that was happening.

"Then my agent called me and said, 'Hey, there will be a call from Newcastle', so I picked it up and I was fishing at that moment.

"For 30 minutes of the call everything goes smoothly, and then from nowhere, I got a hit on my rod.

"Then, for another 20 minutes, I was fighting the carp as they kept talking to me. It was a funny moment."

The strapping 6ft 6in stopper will be out to prove he is no fish out of water when he makes his Mags debut in tonight's friendly against Valencia at the Mestalla – new boss Matthias Jaissle's first game in charge.

Hornicek will then be desperate to ensure he will be catch of the day by keeping a clean sheet in the Toon's Prem opener at home to Liverpool on August 23.

The spotlight of playing in the big time and moving to a whole new country also provide other obstacles.

But Hornicek left home for Portugal as a 17-year-old after being spotted by Braga playing at Pardubice and soon settled.

And the infectiously fun star now has an adorable nine-month-old daughter, Mikela 'Ella' Marie, with long-term girlfriend Aneta Spilkova.

He added: "She's really sunshine, always so smiley. She would be smiling at all of you. Fatherhood made me more mature – when you get the baby, then you're like, 'OK, now it's serious'.

"You need to start thinking about your family.

"So, in these terms, I'm more evolved."

For Newcastle, the future is now. A new manager and five exciting new additions to a squad that has lost stars Bruno Guimaraes, Sandro Tonali and Anthony Gordon.

Hornicek added: "I don't think too much about it. Even though those players left, we have a great team."

Fellow Czech goalie Pavel Srnicek achieved legendary status as part of Kevin Keegan's Entertainers.

Hornicek added: "Pavel Srnicek made the first steps for me to be here in Newcastle, right?

"People in Newcastle know the Czech goalkeepers and they probably like them. So, this is also good."

PREM CHELSEA'S AZZURRI

Palestra's Zola powered!

MARCO PALESTRA is determined to follow in the footsteps of Chelsea's Italian giants.

By JACK ROSSER

The Blues' new defender, 21, is setting his sights high, happy to admit he wants to replicate the impact of a little genius who left a huge mark on the club.

Gianfranco Zola starred and won hearts at both Cagliari and Chelsea – and Palestra is not shy of saying he wants to do just that.

That may smack of arrogance, but given the right-back constantly apologises for his very good English, this is not an overconfident twentysomething.

Palestra was the first signing of the Xabi Alonso era, moving from Atalanta after his career ignited on loan at Cagliari, where he was named Serie A defender of the year last season.

Italians have always found a home at Stamford Bridge, with the late, great Gianluca Vialli adored by those in the stands.

Palestra played with former Blue Davide Zappacosta, 34, at Atalanta and picked his brains.

He said: "I know some Italian players come to Chelsea. I spoke with Zappacosta.

"He's a top guy. He says to me all the good things. I have a good relationship with Zappa.

"He always said to me good things abut Chelsea. I know a lot of Italian players played here. I want to be the next top one.

"I didn't call him but I know that Zola played at Cagliari and at Chelsea, he's a legend.

"Maybe I can do what he did at Chelsea. Be a legend? Maybe, maybe. I hope so."

The most important thing for any Italian moving to London is to find some decent grub.

Palestra has already identified Grappelli, an Italian restaurant in Cobham near the training ground, as a favourite.

He added: "It was one of the first questions I asked. English food is not bad but, for me, Italian food is a little bit better.

"There's one in Cobham, Grappelli.

"I also ate at two Italians in London, I don't remember their names.

"I went to Grappelli on the first day with my family and the other days with my friends who helped me come from Italy."

Palestra was not only named Serie A defender of the year last term but also clocked as the fastest player in Italy's top flight.

It is a tantalising prospect for Blues fans who adore a flying full-back.

Pace is certainly a weapon, but not one he has always possessed.

Palestra said: "When I was 15, I was the slowest one in the team but after maybe one or two years, I grew physically.

"Before I played in midfield but I changed position to left-back or at the back, so I understand that I am quick.

"I can't imagine that I won Serie A defender of the year.

"It's a big honour to be the best defender but I know that it is only the start. I need to improve myself every day but it's a good start.

"The first thing I want is to win for Chelsea. It's always the team.

"If after the season, I also win defender of the year, I am happy – but I prefer to win something for Chelsea and nothing me."

Palestra has impressed in pre-season, wowing fans in Sydney with flicks and tricks between himself and Estevao Willian, 19, against Tottenham.

Once the Prem season begins, however, he may have to compete with skipper Reece James, 26, for a spot, depending on how Alonso wants to play.

The England defender has been nothing but welcoming to Palestra and even nipped into Cobham after returning from the World Cup to introduce himself.

Palestra said: "He wrote to me when I joined. It was a beautiful message and I said hi to him when he came to Cobham after the World Cup.

"He said to me that he is happy I joined Chelsea and to write to him for advice, to know London.

"I know he is a good guy, a good captain, so I can't wait to play with him also. I'm very happy."

MARC FOLLOWS ITALIAN ICONS AT BRIDGE

ITALIANS AT CHELSEA
(All competitions)

	Games
Gianfranco Zola	312
Carlo Cudicini	216
Jorginho	213
Roberto Di Matteo	175
Gianluca Vialli	88
Samuele Dalla Bona	73
Emerson	71
Davide Zappacosta	52
Gabriele Ambrosetti	23
Cesare Casadei	17
Pierluigi Casiraghi	15
Marco Ambrosio	12
Christian Panucci	10
Fabio Borini	8
Luca Percassi	2

Full-time for Sian

By VIC HOLLY

PREMIER LEAGUE official Sian Massey-Ellis will hang up her flag after a career "beyond anything I could ever have imagined".

Massey-Ellis, 40, is going to work with the FA as senior manager for women referees after a 16-year career as a top-flight assistant ref.

She was the second female to officiate on Prem games and was awarded an MBE in 2017 for her impact on football refereeing.

Massey-Ellis, who was famously critcised by Andy Gray and Richard Keys in 2011, referred in her statement to her 'resilience'.

She said: "Football has taken me on a journey beyond anything I could ever have imagined.

"It has tested my resilience and pushed me to become better.

"I'm excited to help support the next generation of officials."

PREM COUNTDOWN

13 DAYS TO GO

BRAZILIAN World Cup striker Igor Thiago *(below)* reached double figures for Brentford in only the 13th Premier League game of the season — the fastest of any Bees player in Prem history

Overall, the 25-year-old recorded 22 league goals last term and 25 in all competitions.

FA order wall ban

By ROB MATTHEWS

THE FA has banned solid pitchside walls following the death of non-league striker Billy Vigar.

Chichester City's Vigar died last September, aged 21, in a match at Wingate and Finchley.

The ex-Arsenal youth player suffered a brain injury when he collided with a concrete barrier.

His death prompted a safety review — and clubs in the National League System have now been ordered to remove brick or concrete walls around pitches or use padding to cover them.

The new pitch perimeter criteria applies for clubs across the National League system for men (steps 1-6) and the Women's National League (tiers 3-4).

Matches can still be held at affected grounds while modifications — paid for by the FA and Prem — are done.

Stay Hame

COVENTRY'S offer to re-sign midfielder Gustavo Hamer *(right)* was rejected by Sheffield United.

Blades boss Chris Wilder confirmed: "A bid has been made by one of his former clubs."

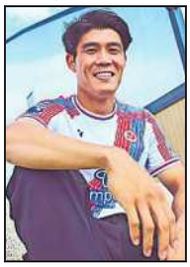
Coventry have bought Ghana midfielder Caleb Yirenkyi, 20, from Nordsjaelland in a £26million deal.

Tomi guns for Palace

By CHRIS HUGHES

CRYSTAL PALACE have signed ex-Arsenal defender Takehiro Tomiyasu after a trial.

The Japan international *(below)*, who spent four years at the Emirates, becomes the second recruit for new boss Pierre Sage.



Tomiyasu, 27, made 84 appearances for the Gunners but sat out nearly a year with a knee injury before his contract was cut short last summer.

He joined Ajax in December and went to the World Cup with Japan despite just two starts for the Dutch side.

Palace chairman Steve Parish said: "Takehiro has experience at the highest level. We believe he will prove to be a great addition to the squad."

Eagles, who last month landed Celta Vigo defender Oscar Mingueza on a free, have also agreed a £10million deal for US winger Zavier Gozo, 19, from Real Salt Lake.

NEWS TICKER

SASA LUKIC completed his Ipswich medical ahead of a £9million move from Fulham.

The 62-cap Serbia midfielder, 29, is expected to put pen to paper on a four-year deal with the Premier League new boys.

HULL have added midfielder Jens Hjerto-Dahl from Norwegian side Tromso for £10million.

The Norway Under-21 star agreed a five-year deal and is the Prem new boys' sixth summer signing.

Hjerto-Dahl, 20, said: "I'm very happy. It's a massive club. The chairman told me good things."

MANCHESTER UNITED goalkeeper Altay Bayindir has joined Celta Vigo on a season-long loan with a view to a permanent move.

Bayinder, 28, is set to cost £3.5million if the Spanish club take up their option to buy.

Kop Araujo deal

By ALEC SHILTON

LIVERPOOL are closing on a shock loan deal to sign Barcelona skipper Ronald Araujo.

Uruguay centre-back Araujo, 27, would add much-needed defensive depth following this summer's departure of Ibrahima Konate on a free transfer to Real Madrid.

Araujo made just 11 LaLiga starts last season and was granted leave in December amid struggles with depression and anxiety.

PREMIER LEAGUE CITY

WE HAD

Nunes: Many of us cried when Pep said he was going

From MARTIN BLACKBURN In SEOUL

MATHEUS NUNES revealed there was hardly a dry eye in the house when Pep Guardiola told his players he was leaving Manchester City.

After months of speculation, the Etihad legend confirmed he was bringing down the curtain on his incredible ten-year spell in charge at the end of May.

Guardiola kept his decision a closely-guarded secret for as long as he could as his squad were on their way to completing the domestic cup double and still chasing Arsenal in the title race.

City beat Chelsea to win the FA Cup, but three days later drew 1-1 at Bournemouth in their penultimate Premier League match of the season meant they could not catch the Gunners at the top.

And a few days after that – ahead of their final game of the season at home to Aston Villa – Guardiola got his squad together at the City Football Academy to deliver the bad news.

Portugal international Nunes only joined City in the summer of 2023 but got emotional when recalling the moment the players learned it was all over.

They knew deep down that getting back to the kind of levels Guardiola had taken them to were pretty much "unreachable".

Nunes, 27, said: "He spoke to us in the auditorium and it was very emotional.

"Pep held it together as he just wanted to get it over but a lot of people were crying.

"It was unexpected. We thought there was a chance of him leaving but until he actually says it you don't know if it's going to happen.

"It is still difficult to talk about. I remember in that day, when you start to see everything on the screen, it becomes real that he is leaving.

"Just showing all different clips of him and the team through the ten years. Speeches he's done, conversations he's had.

"It didn't seem real. It felt weird and awkward to actually have to believe it."

Guardiola led City to 17 major trophies and three Community Shields during his time in charge.

He won six Prem titles – including a record four on the bounce between 2021-24 – and the Champions League during the Treble season of 2022-23.

Portugal World Cup star Nunes added: "It's very hard to say goodbye to someone who gave so much to us all.

"Someone who put the club to a level that seems unreachable again.

"What he did was unbelievable. You have to remember what they have done.

GREAT MOVE . . . midfielder Nunes was converted into a right-back by City chief Guardiola

When you think about it, it is almost impossible to win six Premier Leagues in ten years. This is not normal and people forget that.

"A lot of things are going to change. I've never been in the club without him. Stuff like this. It's never easy to say goodbye."

Guardiola's influence on Nunes is clear. The manager once hailed him as "one of the best midfielders in the world" while he was playing at Sporting.

Yet when he signed him a couple of years later, for £53million from Wolves, Guardiola did not fancy him in the engine room after all.

So he set about converting Nunes into a right-back – claiming he had all the attributes to be top-class. It led to the Brazil-born star being nicknamed 'Cafu' by his then-team-mate Bernardo Silva – although it was later adapted to 'Cafu-nes'.

Nunes smiled as he recalled: "Bernardo started it. He called me 'Thierry Henry' when I played on the wing and then 'Cafu'.

"My friends started calling it me as well and I had to accept it."

It was not an easy transition and he had some off days – not least the Manchester derby at the Etihad in December 2024.

Josko Gvardiol put City ahead in the 36th minute but the match ended in defeat after a Bruno Fernandes penalty two minutes from time and Amad Diallo's last-gasp winner for United.

Nunes copped much of the blame for their arch-rivals' late comeback and

STAR ON BOSS LEAVING A BAWL!

GUARD OF HONOUR . . . Pep was in tears (right) when City's players and staff lined up to give him an emotional send-off after his final game

needed to be convinced to persevere with the change of position.

However, City are unlikely to sign a right-back in this transfer window – which suggests new boss Enzo Maresca will be using him there, too.

Nunes added: "The roles are not similar at all. They are so different.

"As a full-back, any mistake it can be a goal – a goal which marks the game.

"As a midfielder, if you miss a pass nobody remembers because after you make 100 more passes.

"I spoke to so many people. I have a psychologist, I spoke to my friends.

"I would tell my friends all the time, 'I'm not a full-back, I'm not a full-back'.

"And they would always say, 'No but you play so good there, you play so good'. My team-mates, Bernardo and Ruben Dias, were so annoying all the time as well.

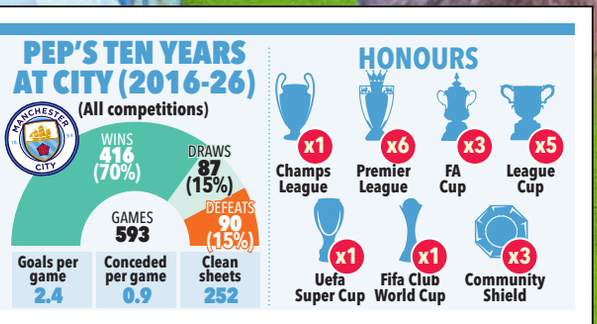
"They were in my head constantly as well, 'You were good there, you were good there. You need to accept it'.

"And I was like, 'No, no, no, no!'. All the time.

"But yeah, at a certain point you just have to see what the people are saying. You can't deny it for the rest of your life.

"If you do, maybe you miss your chance. And if I did that, I would have missed it.

"So yeah, listening to everyone then actually seeing Pep during training and before the games as well, the way he believed in me once I changed to that position. And now I feel like a full-back."



MARESCA . . . City boss

ROD

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to leave, they will not stand in his way.

On Thursday, Rodri's agent told a Spanish TV station the midfielder had decided he wants to move to the Nou Camp, despite previous interest from Real Madrid.

He was quoted as saying: "Out of respect for Madrid — as they have been class — Rodri has informed them his decision is to join Barca."

But City's hierarchy — many of whom are here in Seoul for the second leg of the club's pre-season tour — had not been told yesterday.

Barcelona remain in pole position to sign the midfielder after talks with their El Clasico rivals Real ended.

Rodri is due back with Enzo Maresca's squad at the City Football Academy early next week as they continue their preparations for the new Premier League season.

The Treble-winning star underwent a minor back operation following Spain's World Cup triumph which could put his return to training back a few days.

City face Prem champs Arsenal in the Community Shield at Cardiff's Principality Stadium a week tomorrow.

And regardless of Rodri's future, City are pushing on with their move for Lille's £85m-rated Ayyoub Bouaddi.

Sources at the Etihad have indicated progress over Morocco's World Cup midfield star, 18.

However, if Rodri goes, then City are likely to look for a replacement — even though they have £116m new boy Elliot Anderson and Nico Gonzalez already.

Pep Guardiola's replacement Maresca is a big fan of Chelsea's Enzo Fernandez from his time as Stamford Bridge chief.

Fernandez, 25, wants out of West London and flirted with Real before they released a bizarre statement saying they had no intention of signing him.

Chelsea have slapped a whopping £120m price tag on the player, who scored Argentina's equaliser in their 2-1 World Cup semi-final win over England.

Brighton's Carlos Baleba, 22, has also been a City target but the Cameroon ace is doubtful for the start of the campaign with an ankle injury.

STRIKER TONEY ON ABH CHARGE

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GUIMARAES . . . record

Toon get a 'good deal' for £75m Bru

By GARY STONEHOUSE

NEWCASTLE claim they pulled off a coup by forcing Arsenal to pay a "record" £75million for Bruno Guimaraes.

And the cash Toon are getting for the Brazilian means they can bring in several new recruits for new boss Matthias Jaissle.

Newcastle were gutted to lose their club captain so soon after selling Anthony Gordon and Sandro Tonali — but insist it is a "good deal".

Guimaraes, who turns 29 in November, is the most expensive central midfielder to move clubs after the age of 28.

The fee is higher than the £70m Manchester United agreed to pay Real Madrid for Casemiro — who was 30 — in 2022.

CEO David Hopkinson said: "It was not the fee Arsenal hoped to pay and we would have liked an even higher number. But you're dealing with sophisticated actors on both sides and that's what negotiation looks like.

"It's the highest fee for a player in that position at that age. Is that a good deal for Newcastle United? I believe it is.

> Selling Bruno was not in the plan
> — ROSS WILSON

"Arsenal are getting a very special player so this works for both sides."

Sporting director Ross Wilson has already signed five young guns — Bazoumana Toure, Aladji Bamba, Ewen Jaouen, Sean Steur and Lukas Hornicek — as he rebuilds following Eddie Howe's departure.

But Wilson admitted: "We didn't want to sell Bruno. It wasn't in the plan.

"Very respectfully, Bruno effectively told us he wanted to leave.

"That doesn't mean he can go but it certainly plays a part in what our thinking is when we hit a certain range of number."

Newcastle are exploring a £12m move for Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg, 31, from Marseille to help fill the gap left by Guimaraes.

Wilson added: "We want to strengthen the squad. Matthias wants to assess what we have, which he's been doing for some time now, and we're aligned on what we want to do."

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WING IT WITH RASH

Arteta should pull flanker & make move for Marcus

LET'S PRAY BALL . . . Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta is still hoping to land a new wideman after Vinicius Jr snub

BOTH Marcus Rashford and Arsenal have seen their transfer dreams scuppered by the Clasico giants this summer.

By **SAMUEL LUCKHURST**

Barcelona snubbed the chance to land Rashford, 28, in a £26million permanent deal after he spent last season at the Nou Camp on loan from Manchester United.

The Catalans instead splashed out £69.3m on England team-mate Anthony Gordon from Newcastle.

Arsenal suffered when top transfer target Vinicius Jr ended his flirtation with them on Thursday by signing a Real Madrid deal worth a staggering £480,000 a week.

With Rashford and the Gunners licking their wounds, is it time they solved each other's problems? Rashford is due to be reunited with his Manchester United team-mates for the first time in 18 months tomorrow.

He will join their pre-season training camp in Dublin following his mandatory three-week post-World Cup break.

The forward has not trained with United since January 2025 having spent the rest of that campaign with Aston Villa.

Last summer, he was part of a five-man 'bomb squad' forced to train at separate times to the main squad by then boss Ruben Amorim. Alejandro Garnacho, now on loan at Villa from Chelsea, was also part of that group.

United may have stabilised since Michael Carrick replaced the sacked Amorim in January.

But the imminent reunion is still awkward for all parties.

Rashford publicly declared his wish to join Barca permanently in May. And he doubled down on his desire to leave during the World Cup.

But the England international's £325,000-a-week salary — signed before Sir Jim Ratcliffe took charge of footballing affairs — has effectively priced him out of the market.

On the eve of the World Cup, Rashford posted a brief Instagram message thanking Barcelona, Villa, England and their respective coaches.

There was no mention of United, the club he has been at since the age of seven, and the club do not feature on his social media bios.

Barca's decision not to buy Rashford surprised United chiefs.

Club sources repeatedly stressed Rashford will not be allowed out on another season-long loan and he is under contract until 2028.

Rashford's first appearance back at United could be in their final pre-season friendly against AC Milan — ironically now managed by Amorim.

Arsenal wanted Brazilian ace Vinicius as a marquee signing to launch their first Prem title defence in 22 years.

They were led down the garden path before the Brazilian scrawled his name on a six-year Real contract.

But there are left-wing alternatives to Vinicius — including

FLIRT . . . Vini Jr

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LEAVING HIS MARC
Rashford career record

MANCHESTER UNITED
(2015-present)

Games	Mins played	Goals
426	28,587	138

Assists	Mins per G & A	WIN RATE
60	144	55%

HONOURS

Europa League	FA Cup	League Cup	Community Shield
x1	x2	x2	x1

ASTON VILLA
Loan (2025)

Games	Mins played	Goals
17	939	4

Assists	Mins per G & A	WIN RATE
5	104	71%

BARCELONA
Loan (2025-26)

Games	Mins played
49	2,621

Goals	Assists
14	11

Mins per G & A	WIN RATE
104	78%

HONOURS

LaLiga	Supercopa de Espana
x1	x1

ENGLAND
(2016-present)

Games	Mins played	Goals
78	3,453	19

Assists	Mins per G & A	WIN RATE
5	144	64%

TOTAL FOR CLUB & COUNTRY

Games	Mins played	Goals
570	35,600	175

Assists	Mins per G & A	WIN RATE
81	139	59%

Rashford. Mikel Arteta's Gunners were stung when they signed Raheem Sterling two years ago.

What at first appeared a canny deal turned out to be anything but.

Sterling's steep slide has left him without a club and he was arrested on suspicion of drug-driving in May.

Rashford is a downgrade on Vinicius – but who isn't?

He ticks a lot of boxes for Arsenal.

Premier League pedigree, Champions League clout, big-club nous, winners' medals, international experience and a point to prove.

He is surely too young for the riches of Turkey or Saudi Arabia, while he could represent England at the 2028 Euros and 2030 World Cup.

When Rashford first steeled himself to leave United, he insisted it would be for a club in the Champions League.

That would rule out Tottenham but boss Roberto Di Zerbi is promising a 'bomba' signing to add to his £220m-plus summer spending spree.

Spurs have already blown United out of the water to buy Mateus Fernandes from West Ham for £85m and could come close to Rashford's salary demands.

They could still do with more attacking spark. Playmaker James Maddison, who missed most of last term with an ACL injury, picked up a minor problem in pre-season.

Dejan Kulusevski is still on his way back from a patella problem he suffered in May 2025.

Rashford's representatives have done nothing to rubbish links with two of the Prem's biggest clubs.

Joining the champions may sound fanciful but well-placed sources insist a move to Arsenal is not a total non-starter.

Rashford has kept a low profile during his summer break – and at least he has a club.

Fellow winger Jadon Sancho has been reduced to training at non-league minnows Flixton since becoming a free agent.

Rashford remains a far more appealing option.

After helping Barcelona to the LaLiga title, he was an England starter at the World Cup, scoring in the 4-2 group-stage win over Croatia.

His move to Villa with less than 72 hours before a previous window closed shows how you can expect the unexpected.

There is much to ponder for Rashford – and Arsenal – as the new season approaches.

SPLIT . . . Barca's Hansi Flick

PARLOUR . . . doubts

VINI

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were interested and going to give him so and so money.

"He's probably wanted to stay at Real Madrid but he's used Arsenal as a weapon to say to Real, 'This is what you have to give me if I am going to stay'.

"As soon as Real got a bit worried he could be leaving, they have given him the money.

"He's gone, 'Great, I'll stay'. Perfect.

"He's used Arsenal to get more money. He's played the market and got an unbelievable deal."

Arsenal ended their 22-year wait for a Prem title but lost the Champions League final to Paris Saint-Germain on penalties.

Europe's biggest prize continues to elude the Gunners and Parlour says he always had doubts over his former club landing the Real superstar.

Parlour told talkSPORT: "Vini Jr would have been an unbelievable signing and a big statement for Arsenal if they got him.

"But a lot of my Arsenal mates were saying, 'We're not going to get him', and

Why would Vini Jr want to leave Real Madrid?
– RAY PARLOUR

I said, 'No, they are probably not'. If they did then it would have been fantastic for the club.

"He was a player that would have improved Arsenal. But why would you want to leave Real Madrid? I was always 50/50 on it."

Vini Jr's snub means Arteta must look elsewhere for a new forward.

Paris Saint-Germain's Bradley Barcola looks set for a big-money move to Liverpool, while Marcus Rashford's Manchester United future is in limbo.

Parlour, 53, said: "Arsenal have to be in the market for those guys. Arsenal need another striker.

"It's where the director of football is paid a lot of money to find the player who will fit the bill."

Arsenal, who host Borussia Dortmund in the Emirates Cup tomorrow, are set to complete a £75million move for Newcastle's Bruno Guimaraes.

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Boardroom chaos and transfer woe

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BARCA'S LOWBALL £38.5M BID

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VINICIUS JR . . . snub

Vini's top 'weapon'

By PHIL CADDEN

VINICIUS JR used Arsenal as a "weapon" to get his mega new six-year Real Madrid deal.

That is the view of club legend Ray Parlour, who was part of the Invincibles side of 2003-04.

Mikel Arteta wanted the Brazilian forward to take the Prem champions to the next level in Europe.

But superstar Vini Jr, 26, who had 12 months left on his deal in Spain, snubbed them to earn an eye-watering £480,000-a-week contract to stay at the Bernabeu until 2032.

Parlour said: "What Vinicius Jr has done is work both teams. Arsenal

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From MARTIN BLACKBURN

MANCHESTER CITY will demand more than £60million for Rodri after dismissing Barcelona's derisory opening bid.

Spain's World Cup-winning captain was the subject of a low-ball offer of £38.5m plus add-ons from the LaLiga champs.

City insist negotiations with the Catalan giants' transfer guru Deco have halted because their first bid was not serious enough to land the 2024 Ballon d'Or winner.

Rodri, 30, is in the final year of his Etihad contract and is keen to join Barca.

City's stance has always been that if a player wants

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DECO . . . Barca transfer chief

BEST BAR NONE . . . City's Spanish midfield star Rodri wants to move back home and join giants Barcelona

City tell Deco to cough up £60m

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It's full Sall ahead

ROGER VARIAN hopes hot favourite Sallaal can continue to bloom in the Rose of Lancaster Stakes.

The improving four-year-old bolted up at Epsom on Derby day and followed up in a Listed race at Sandown last time.

Varian (*right*) might have been tempted to have a crack at a Group 1 after that success, but he has decided to take smaller steps with the horse.

That starts today at Haydock and he said: "None of these races are easy and he's likely to be at the head of the market because of his profile, but we won't be taking anything for granted.

"He's still learning and growing up and everything has to go right on the day. He's a lovely horse who is going the right way and it looks the ideal race."

Haydock colours — Page 8

By JACK KEENE

HOME-TEAM FAVOURITES

GREAT Britain and Ireland are the 4-7 favourites to win the Shergar Cup at Ascot with William Hill. Ryan Moore, riding in the event for the first time since 2006, heads the Silver Saddle betting at 7-4. Saffie Osborne is 11-4.

John: All good, Man

JOHN GOSDEN says he was baffled by rumours that their was an issue with Ombudsman after a piece of work in Newmarket yesterday.

The star five-year-old galloped at the July Course as he builds towards a clash with Constitution River at York on August 19.

But Coral suspended betting on the Juddmonte International after rumours began to circulate online that something had gone wrong with the even-money favourite.

Gosden (*below*) said: "He worked very nicely and I was really happy with him. I have no idea where the rumours came from and it makes no sense as there were plenty of witnesses.

"It was a nice piece of work, they went a good, solid gallop and it puts him spot-on for the Juddmonte at York."

By JACK KEENE

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HOME OF RACING

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Saturday, August 8, 2026

By TEMPLEGATE

NIGHT BREEZE can cause a storm in the Shergar Cup Challenge (2.45 Ascot, nap).

Ian Williams' six-year-old took this race 12 months ago and is back with the ideal man in the saddle – red-hot Dylan McMonagle (*right*).

He has hardly put a foot wrong this season and got his head in front at Epsom back in April.

Since then he has gone close again at the Derby meeting before running another cracker when placed in the Old Newton Cup which was rerouted to Newmarket from its Haydock home this season.

Williams then had a crack at 10 furlongs with this son of Derby winner New Approach and that witnessed him putting in another tremendous effort at Glorious Goodwood 11 days ago.

As you might expect he was doing all his best work at the finish of that shorter trip and was gaining on smart winner Al Aali in a hot handicap.

Back over his ideal distance with an ideal pilot in the saddle, he can swoop late and give the home fans plenty to cheer about.

GOOD NIGHT . . . Night Breeze (green) can win again at Ascot

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JIM to the rescue. Really?

What does he want? I don't know. Where's the mission statement?

I'm talking, of course, about Jim Mullen, the CEO of the Jockey Club.

Mullen puffed his chest out this week and announced the Jockey Club would leave the Racecourse Association, in doing so sending an industry into mayhem. The departure from the racecourses' trade body will come at the end of the year.

As far as any of us know, he did so with no plan. Just a desire "to pursue a vision based on the long-term sustainability of the sport".

Again, there was no explanation of that vision. Apparently, Mullen wants to be "heard". But he didn't offer up anything that showed where he'd struggled to have his voice listened to.

It was said the Jockey Club has started work on creating a breakaway group to give it a greater say in the running of British racing.

Ascot also recently quit the RCA. But as far as I know Ascot and the Jockey Club are not currently in cahoots. So what the hell is going on?

And all this is going on against the backdrop of catastrophic affordability checks that Mullen and co have offered no plan to solve.

At least when Jerry Maguire (Tom Cruise) famously and bravely posted

It's a plan, Jim, but not as we know it

his mission statement (in a truly great movie) there was actually a mission statement. The Jockey Club has posted nothing. Its henchmen/members just keep repeating 'we need change'. Well, what a revelation that is. Some meat on the bones would be nice.

None of it actually makes sense.

Despite what is claimed it's the British Horse Racing Authority that makes decisions, not the RCA.

So can I add anything to this strange state of affairs? Well, a little.

For some time now the Jockey Club has wanted to cull a number of races run each year, rumoured to be in the region of about 600.

It's also understood that at least one senior member of the Jockey Club desires the majority of that cull to come from jumps racing.

Mullen appears to have presented himself like a John the Baptist figure.

But he's never explained how removing about **FOUR PER CENT** of races from the fixture list is going to save everyone. You can't just baptize the sport in the River Severn close to Cheltenham and expect everything will glow.

Mullen acts as if he knows something the rest of us don't.

In that case, could he please tell us what he knows?

It's also believed the Jockey Club would like less all-weather racing, and that a number of the races lost would come from racecourses it doesn't run.

Well that makes sense, doesn't it? No. As we all prepare for warmer summers, just take a look at the pathetic field sizes this week at tracks like Sandown and Newmarket. Right now the all-weather is saving each-way betting.

So Jim, what's the plan? How are you going to fix it all?

All of this is going on while there seems to be no progress on affordability checks thrust on racing by the Gambling Commission.

I've written about this until I'm blue in the face, but it's important to keep hammering the point home.

A reminder, the Gambling Commission is an unaccountable quango.

Its one task was to put together a plan for frictionless checks on certain punters. It has failed to so do,

'VISION' . . . Jockey club chief Jim Mullen

and that alone should be enough for affordability checks to be done away with forever.

Worse than that though, there is zero evidence the policy implemented for about four years now has helped prevent gambling-related harm.

All it has done is force people away from the regulated market – however unregulated you might feel it is – where at least there is some control.

It's a total disgrace and the current Government should be utterly ashamed and embarrassed. Sadly, of course, over many years now we know governments care little for integrity or doing the right thing.

Bookmakers are not without blame as well. The closure of winning accounts, the restriction on punter stakes and sometimes a difficulty in retrieving winnings is wrong.

That all said, the time has come for bookmakers to take legal proceedings against the Gambling Commission on every decision it makes. It has to be the next step.

Whatever happens next someone, please, just have a plan. And tell us all what it is! *Yeeehaaa!*

In Saff hands!

SHERGAR QUEEN IS CAPTAIN FANTASTIC AFTER GOLDEN RUN

SAFFIE OSBORNE could achieve one of two major life goals at the Shergar Cup today.

By JACK KEENE

The first, to be champion jockey, will have to wait for at least another year, with Billy Loughnane and Oisin Murphy already a furlong clear of the field.

But at Ascot's annual team event she will try to give Ryan Moore the giggles.

Because in-form Osborne, 24, is the captain of Britain and Ireland, meaning she can dish out the orders to legendary rider Moore and reigning Irish champ Dylan Browne McMonagle.

What kind of skipper is she going to be? Roy Keane perhaps?

She grinned: "I don't think either of them need my advice in any way. They're both world-class jockeys and it's great to be riding alongside them.

"I'll definitely try to make Ryan laugh at some point throughout the day, but I don't think I need to give them any stern words of encouragement!"

Osborne has been on an absolute roll this season.

She was out of the traps in May with 20 winners, and was arguably unlucky not to win her first Group 1 on Touleen at Royal Ascot.

And she was on fire during July, winning the Super Sprint at Newbury, riding a treble on King George day at Ascot before ending the month with a couple of winners at Glorious Goodwood.

She was a bit of a prodigy when first bursting on to the scene in 2021, but she has taken her game to another level. Arguably she needed to, with a nightmare 2025 disrupted by injuries.

But she's set her sights even higher still.

Osborne said: "I think anyone that starts off in this job not wanting to be champion jockey one day shouldn't be doing it.

"I felt like the two years before now had been a bit frustrating. In 2024 I rode a large number of winners, but I lacked quality horses which are starting to come now.

"Last year was just plagued with problems. I got injured twice, I was off the track and I cut my season

I'M BACK

IT'S been 20 years since I rode at the Shergar Cup.

I was lucky enough to lift the Silver Saddle and remember winning on Dark Missile for Andrew Balding.

I've not missed it out of choice, but it's clashed with the Group 1 Phoenix Stakes at the Curragh.

That's been moved to the Sunday so here I am!

These jockey challenges are fun and bring something different for riders, fans and punters.

I'm looking forward to joining Saffie and Dylan on the GB and Ireland team, and hopefully we can pick up plenty of points.

It's great to see a team from Hong Kong. I know Vincent Ho well and the other boys too.

It's also really good news that the Shergar Cup is part of World Pool for the first time this year.

It is so important for our sport as it gets more racecourses and jurisdictions working together to have more competitive racing and a better product.

I kick off with SPARTAN ARROW (1.35) for Archie Watson.

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UP FOR THE CUP . . . Saffie Osborne is firing in winners and heads to Ascot

HOW SHERGAR CUP WORKS

FOUR teams consisting of three jockeys from around the world will compete for the Shergar Cup at Ascot.

Saffie Osborne, Ryan Moore and Dylan Browne McMonagle will represent GB and Ireland, while Yutake Take, Jamie Melham and Suraj Narredu form Rest of the World.

Christophe Lemaire, Marie Velon and Frida Valle Skar make up team Europe, while a newly formed Hong Kong team features Jerry Chau, Vincent Ho and Luke Ferraris. There are six races with 10 runners each, and jockeys will earn points for their teams based on their finishing position.

There are 15 points awarded for a win, 10 for finishing second, seven for third, five for fourth and three for coming fifth.

Each jockey has been allocated five rides through a random ballot.

Riders also amass points individually, and the highest-scoring jockey on the day will be awarded with the Silver Saddle.

GIRL POWER . . . (L-R) Hollie Doyle, Hayley Turner and Osborne after their 2023 win

short just as it started to get going. It just felt like nothing was clicking into place.

"You have in the back of your mind the concern that you've plateaued. I think this year has proved that's not the case."

She last rode at the Shergar Cup in 2023, when she bagged two winners and helped the ladies' team win the title.

Like her former teammate Hayley Turner, Osborne has embraced it.

And in the wake of Maureen Haggas's scathing critcism of the event last year, when she slammed the quality of rider, Osborne can't wait to get stuck in against some of the biggest names in the world.

She said: "I'd like to think there wouldn't be any trainers having any qualms with any of the jockeys competing in it this year.

"Having Ryan back at the Shergar Cup for the first time in 20 years is a big deal and Dylan is a champion jockey.

"There are some of the most famous names from around the world, Yutake Take, Christophe Lemaire, Jamie Melham. It's superb.

"I've been going to Ascot all my life, I was taken there in my pram. Any meeting there and any winners are extra special.

"It's a really fun meeting, they get a huge crowd and great atmosphere.

"Hopefully we can bring home the trophy again!"

AFTER 20 YEARS

If he can return to the form of his Group 3 win at Dundalk then he'd be hard to beat.

He also won at Chantilly last season and was second in the Dash at Epsom, but he's struggled so far this year.

He has had a break, though, so let's hope he can return to some of his best form from last year.

Andrew Balding's horses are in great form, so SHRIMP SHADY (2.10) looks a good ride to get.

He has won three of his last five and is clearly on the up.

He's risen again in the weights, but he clearly comes in here in very good form.

ASGARD'S CAPTAIN (2.45) won a valuable handicap at the Ebor meeting last summer and picked up another at Newmarket in May.

His last two starts have been over further, so hopefully he will appreciate the drop back in trip.

He has an each-way chance but you've got the last two winners of this race in here with Night Breeze and Insanity.

ARCHERS BAY (3.55) moved from Ballydoyle to Marco Botti last December. I've never ridden him but he won his first two for Marco before finishing third in a Listed race at Newmarket.

He was a bit unlucky last time at the July meeting and hopefully he will improve for this step up to a mile and a half.

OZAT's (4.30) form figures don't look too inspiring, but he didn't get a clear run in the Golden Mile at Goodwood and he continues to drop in the weights.

He had some fair form in France at the start of last season, so he wouldn't be without a chance in this. Good luck!

WIN . . . Dark Missile in 2006

It'll be Breezy peasy for Ian

NIGHT BREEZE can blow a lively field away in the Shergar Cup Challenge (2.45, Ascot).

Ian Williams' (*below*) cash converter landed some lumpy bets when he pinched this prize last year.

The hard-working nag hasn't put a foot wrong since, and he is nailed on to go close with red-hot Dylan Browne McMonagle doing the shoving.

Meanwhile, punters were playing 'hunt the horse' at sunny Sandown on Thursday, where 1,500 die-hards rocked up to watch a wafer-thin 35 gee-gees strut their stuff.

Luckily the good guys managed to get their schnozzles in front when Jamie Osborne's well-bet Epictetus dug deep to nab the opener.

That had Oz flashing his king-sized pearly whites, but it looks like the Lambourn legend will be waving adios to stable star Amazing Journey.

Some talent scouts with chunky cheque books have been chasing Jamie's flyer since he trotted up in a £150,000 handicap at Ascot last month.

I'm told connections received an offer they couldn't refuse this week, and their pride and joy has been sold to race Down Under provided the local James Herriot gives him a clean bill of health.

Ryan Moore is fighting fit after bagging a couple of Group races at Leopardstown, and the walking grin has a decent squeak on **OZAT** in the Shergar Cup Mile (4.30, Ascot).

This French import hinted that D-Day was just around the corner when he got snarled up in rush-hour traffic at Goodwood last time. There shouldn't be any gridlocks in today's 10-runner field, and he can hit the back of the net.

Talking of which, curtains started twitching when top football agent Will Salthouse was spotted in the paddock with his newbie Proper Naughty at Windsor's well-attended 'Abba Racenight'.

The layers were yelling Mamma Mia when Will's wannabe was smashed in from 5s to 100-30, but she looked greener than Kermit and the Money, Money, Money went west.

My pal 'flat-foot Frankie' dropped a couple of quid when that young gun fired a blank. Frank spent last weekend at A&E after getting a dollop of tomato ketchup in his eye. The old rascal should have known better – but that's just Heinz sight.

Anyway, our man breaks bread with some heavy-hitters from HQ, and they reckon Charlie Appleby's **GRACEFUL SONG** will be pitch perfect in the 1.55 at Newmarket.

Charlie's angel was bet like a cert when she ran away with a handy heat last time, and the Godolphin gang will be calling for a recount if their filly gets turned over.

By the way, don't miss Rod Millman's Creciente in the nightcap at Windsor on Monday.

Millman's massive were knocked bandy when this improver came off second best in a head-bobber at Lingfield on her latest jaunt. Oisin Murphy has been booked for the retrieval mission.

Finally, have a peep at Marco Botti's **ARCHERS BAY** in the 3.55 at Ascot.

Botti's bruiser got his ravioli ruffled when connections had a crack at the Italian Derby in June.

This looks easier, and he has been popular in the early exchanges.

Templegate's Pinstickers' guide to Shergar Cup Stayers

SHADY DEAL

Andy ace looks catch of the day for punters

TURN TO PAGES 6-7 FOR FULL ASCOT COLOURS

BRIGHT SPARK . . . Shrimp Shady (*above*) can win for Andrew Balding (*left*)

THE real SHRIMP SHADY can stand up in the £85,000 Shergar Cup Stayers (2.10 Ascot, nb).

Andrew Balding's improving four-year-old battled well to score over this trip at Newbury last time and will enjoy the fast ground. Ryan Moore is a massive plus in the saddle in a race that could get tactical.

Mountain Road and **Hermetic** look big threats, while reserve **Beylerbeyi** would be a massive danger if getting a run.

Here's my guide to the race:

By **STEVE MULLEN**

SPIRIT MIXER ★★★

SPIRIT level. Has plenty of course experience but arrives with questions to answer after a disappointing campaign. He has struggled to hit the heights this season and was well beaten on his latest outing at Newcastle. The return to turf and this longer trip are both positives, while his proven stamina means he cannot be dismissed entirely. But he looks vulnerable unless rediscovering much more of his old sparkle. On the plus side, Saffie Osborne rides for in-form Andrew Balding.

LAVENDER HILL MOB ★★

HILL to climb. Has shown he handles this venue and today's fast ground but he's been out of sorts this season. A first-time visor failed to spark improvement here last time and his Flat form has dipped. He has winning hurdles form in the book but the pick of his efforts on the level have been over 1m4f. Needs to find his very best.

KILMEADEN ★★★

IN for Kil. Lightly raced stayer who has shaped well enough in Ireland without quite finishing off his races as strongly as he might. He stayed this sort of trip well enough last time but still looked a tricky ride and may have more to offer if everything falls right. He's moved to Faye Bramley from Donnacha O'Brien which may ignite his fire and he is one of the more interesting runners in the field. Not discounted if responding positively to the change of scenery.

DANCING IN PARIS ★★

DANCING out of step. Back to form with a respectable run over shorter and should prefer this stiffer test of stamina. He is usually ridden patiently and may not get the strong gallop he enjoys here. Even so, he is well treated on older form and comes from a very canny trainer. Still needs a personal best to figure.

SHRIMP SHADY ★★★★★

BRIGHT Shady. The one to beat after another determined success at Newbury where he landed his third win from his last five starts. He continues to progress despite creeping higher in the weights and sees out this trip really strongly. Ryan Moore is an eye-catching booking and he should have the edge over his less Ascot-experienced rivals. Everything points towards a bold bid.

MOUNTAIN ROAD ★★★★

BIG Mountain. Returned to winning form at Thirsk when stepped back up to two miles and looked revitalised by the change in trip. That was his first success for Jim Goldie and there could still be more to come if he builds on it. He stays thoroughly, handles the ground and arrives in good heart. Another competitive effort looks highly likely if reproducing that and his jockey can keep going for two miles.

MARNIER ★★★

MAR to come. Finally got his head back in front over 1m6f at Sandown for the Gosdens after several solid efforts. He shapes as though this longer trip is worth exploring on debut for the Moores and is lightly raced as a stayer. His profile suggests there may still be improvement to come. Interesting contender if seeing out the extra distance.

ONEFORTHEGUTTER ★

ONE to swerve. Has been on a long losing run that doesn't show many signs of ending. He has slipped in the weights and a first-time tongue-tie is now applied but he will need the change to make a significant difference. A revival is not impossible given his previous course record, though he's hard to have any faith in.

POLE STAR ★★★

STAR potential. Found 1m6f too short latest and the return to a true staying trip should play much more to his strengths. Previous efforts over further this season have been respectable and he will try to make this a test off the front. He needs to bounce back after two below-par efforts but he has an excellent rider up and could run into the places.

HERMETIC ★★★★

HER we go. Continues to hint he is capable of winning a race from this sort of handicap mark and shaped well when fourth in the Northumberland Vase. That effort suggests he can figure off this mark and today's slightly shorter trip should be no issue. The only question is his lack of experience on ground quicker than good but if handling conditions he has the ability to get involved.

BEYLERBEYI (reserve) ★★★★

BEY of plenty. Needs one to come out to get a run but he would be a fascinating contender if making the line-up. He went into a million notebooks after Billy Loughnane had to slam on the brakes when coming with a winning run at HQ last time. This longer trip is ideal and he looks well capable of playing a major role if he gets into the field.

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1.55.....Graceful Song
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1.55.....Nuit D'eclair
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4.50..... Thornaby Pearl
5.23..... Jack Langley

■TIC-TAC: July course is an undulating galloping track of 2m. All races upto a mile are on the straight course. ■DRAW: No significant advantage. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUÑNERS (2021-2026): C Appleby 74-206, J & T Gosden 34-162, R Beckett 26-120, A Balding 21-130. THIS SEASON: C Appleby 8, J & T Gosden 7, A Balding 6. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): B Loughnane 21-102, N Callan 19-126, R Havlin 18-134, David Egan 13-107. THIS SEASON: B Loughnane 7, R Havlin 5. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Lion's House (4.50) trained at East Kilbride. Round trip of 714 miles. ■TRAINERFAX: J & T Gosden won the 3.05 in 2018, 2019, 2020. C Appleby won the 3.05 in 2016, 2017. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

1.55 SWEET SOLERA STAKES (FILLIES' GRP 3) (Class 1) 2-Y-O; win £42,532; 7f (7 run)

1 31 CHINA IN YOUR HAND 21 (CD)
(6) C Fellowes 9-2 ..... Paddy Bradley 91
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £9,473
Impressive course win, handles conditions, looks capable of step up

2 1 GRACEFUL SONG 22 (CD)
(3) C Appleby 9-2 ..... Billy Loughnane ●99
Runs: 1 Wins: 1 (F) £6,185
Stylish debut win here, 7f suits, looks one with most untapped potential

3 3536 HARLEQUIN SKY 14
(2) J Chapple-Hyam 9-2 Silvestre De Sousa 94
Runs: 4 Places: 2 £15,925
Solid Group form at 6f, step up to 7f promises more, leading claims

4 41 MARTINET 15 (D)
(4) Sir M Prescott 9-2 ..... Jack Gilligan 89
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (F) £7,781
Improved sharply to win latest, pedigree suggests more to come yet

5 14 NUIT D'ECLAIR 14
(5) K De Foy 9-2 ..... David Egan 93
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (F) £10,768
Strong Group effort over 6f, extra furlong should suit and major player

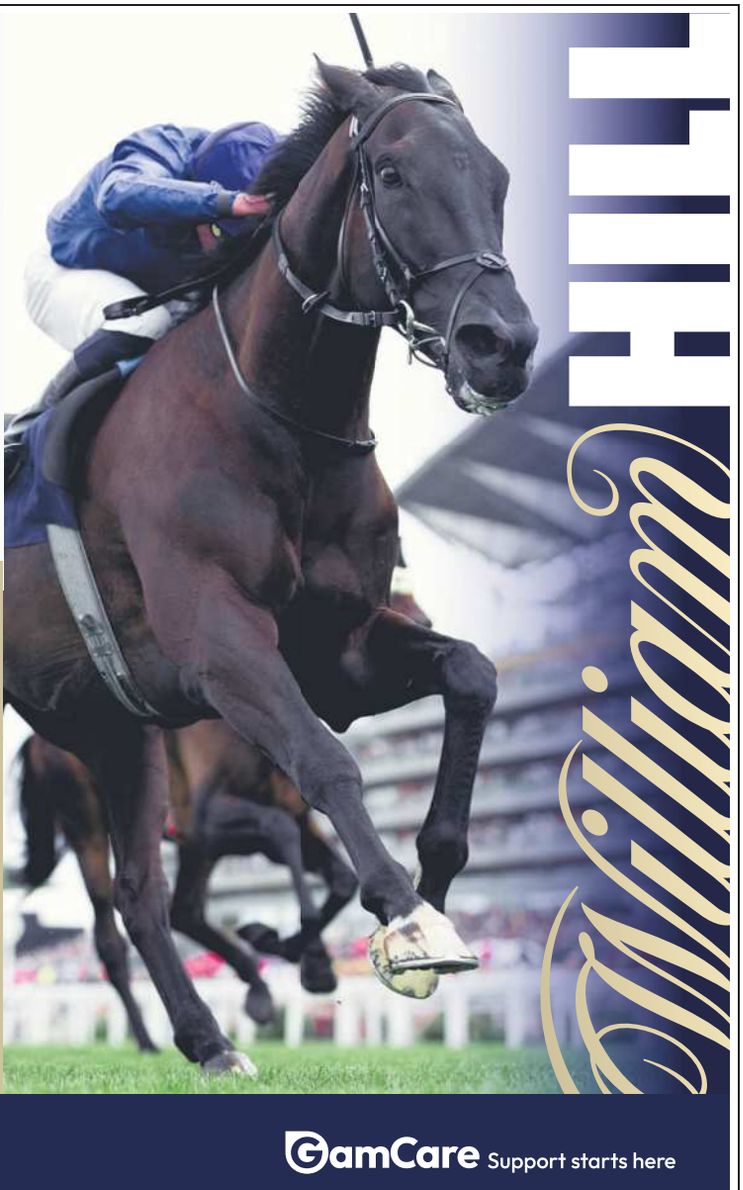
6 41 SUGAR YES PLEASE 30
(1) E J-Houghton 9-2 ..... Charles Bishop 85
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (F) £7,042
Promising maiden win, extra furlong should suit, open to step forward

7 3 TIE A NAVYRIBBON 22
(7) W Stone 9-2 ..... Josephine Gordon 84
Runs: 1 £1,451
Encouraging debut third, 7f suits, entitled to improve with experience

BETTING: 13-8 Graceful Song, 9-4 Nuit D'eclair, 4 Harlequin Sky, 10 China In Your Hand, 14 Sugar Yes Please, 16 Martinet, 50 Tie A Navyribbon

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 5 1 1 4

2025: Dance To The Music 9-2, B Loughnane 11-4 (C Appleby), drw 3, 5 ran.



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CHINA IN YOUR HAND (9-2) 11-8 fav prominent, led 1f out, ridden final 110yds, always doing enough, bt Flooding (9-2) 2l (10 ran) (Newmarket 7f mdn (4) £5,669 good to firm).
GRACEFUL SONG (9-2) 10-11 fav midfield, headway 2f out, ridden 2f out, ran green and led 1f out, kept on well final furlong, comfortably, bt Somers Isles (9-2) 2¼l **TIE A NAVYRIBBON** (9-2) 100-1 prominent, ridden 3f out, outpaced 1f out, stayed on inside final furlong, nearest finish, 3rd (btn 3¾l) (7 ran) (Newmarket 7f nov (3) £6,185 good to firm).
NUIT D'ECLAIR (9-2) 12-1 mid-division, pushed along and headway 2f out, soon pressed leaders, stayed on but just held, 4th of 11 (btn 1l) to Moonrise (9-2) **HARLEQUIN SKY** (9-2) 22-1 mid-division, pushed along 2f out, kept on, not much room towards finish, 6th (btn 2¼l) (11 ran) (Ascot 6f Grp 3 (1) £45,368 good to firm).
MARTINET (9-2) 8-1 made all, ridden 1f out, pulled clear and extended lead inside final furlong, comfortably, bt Love Tanya (9-2) 2¾l (6 ran) (Thirsk 7f nov (3) £7,020 good to firm).
SUGAR YES PLEASE (9-2) 5-4 fav held up in rear, headway 2f out, led 1f out, ran on well, won going away, bt Ouragan (9-2) 1¼l (10 ran) (Newbury 6f nov (4) £6,281 good to firm).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

GRACEFUL SONG can make the leap straight into Group 3 company after looking a star in the making on debut over this course and distance, travelling like a smart filly before putting the race to bed with plenty in hand. Charlie Appleby won this race last year and this exciting Dubawi filly looks capable of following suit.

1.55

Nuit d'Eclair is the obvious danger after finishing a close fourth in the Princess Margaret, shaping as though there was plenty more to come. This extra furlong could unlock further improvement if she stays, which she should. **Martinet** looked a different proposition when bolting up at Thirsk, quickening clear in style and her top pedigree suggests she's only just scratching the surface. **Harlequin Sky** has already mixed it with some of the best juvenile fillies around. She was unlucky not to finish closer at Ascot after meeting trouble late and this step up to 7f promises to bring out even more.

2.30 WILLIAM HILL EPIC BOOST NURSERY (4); 2-y-o; value to the winner £5,154; 7f. (8 runners)

1	(1)	332	**MYSTERIOUS TIMES 29 (BF)** C Appleby 9-10	Billy Loughnane 98
2	(3)	331	**EABHA 30 (D)** E J-Houghton 9-5	Charles Bishop 96
3	(5)	31	**BETTY BOOP 29** R Hughes 9-5	Neil Callan ●99
4	(7)	21	**SANBONA WARRIOR 21 (D)** W Knight 9-2	Marco Ghiani 95
5	(4)	4324	**RHODES RUNNER 16** R Beckett 9-0	Hector Crouch 83
6	(2)	303	**DESERT LEGEND 14** R Hannon 8-12	David Egan 93
7	(8)	422	**REGAL TIGER 19 (BF)** H Palmer 8-11	David Probert 97
8	(6)	5514	**THEHEATISON 19** N Schofield 8-9	Silvestre De Sousa 92

BETTING: 3 Mysterious Times, 9-2 Eabha, Betty Boop, 5 Sanbona Warrior, 6 Regal Tiger, 10 Desert Legend, 11 Theheatison, 20 Rhodes Runner

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3 2

2025: Harlequin Angel 9-0 B Loughnane 13-2 (J Chapple-Hyam) drw 3, 7 ran.

3.05 TATTERSALLS 'NEWCOMERS' 'CONFINED' MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (2); 2-y-o; win £20,616; 7f. (8 run)

1	(4)	**DANSE ROYALE** C Appleby 9-2	Billy Loughnane
2	(3)	**GODSPEED GIRL** A Balding 9-2	P J McDonald
3	(6)	**HARLEQUIN DREAM** J Chapple-Hyam 9-2	Silvestre De Sousa
4	(2)	**JUST SCARLET (H★)** J Fanshawe 9-2	Daniel Muscutt
5	(5)	**LEX VICTORIA (T★)** S & E Crisford 9-2	David Probert
6	(7)	**RUBYROO** H Palmer 9-2	David Egan
7	(8)	**THI QAR** J & T Gosden 9-2	Robert Havlin
8	(1)	**WATCH PARTY** R Varian 9-2	Robbie Downey

BETTING: 7-4 Danse Royale, 4 Watch Party, Lex Victoria, Thi Qar, 15-2 Godspeed Girl, 8 Rubyroo, 10 Just Scarlet, 20 Harlequin Dream

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 5 3 1 1

2025: Zanthos 9-2 Oisin Murphy 4-5 Fav (S & E Crisford) drawn 1, 6 ran.

3.40 WILLIAM HILL EXTRA PLACES DAILY HCAP (2) winner £12,885; 7f (10 runners)

1 5-3106 ARCTIC DAWN 14 (D)
(2) D & C Kubler 5-10-0 ..... Hector Crouch 94
Runs: 20 Wins: 4 (F,2A,GS) Places: 6 £50,378
Back in form, proven at 7f, still on a fair mark but this is deeper contest

2 272-70 MILITARY CODE 28 (H★)
(10) C Appleby 3-9-7 ..... Toby Moore (7) 90
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £44,984
Smart juvenile form, recent runs poor, plenty to prove over longer trip

3 0-5540 BETTY CLOVER 52
(3) E J-Houghton 4-9-7 ..... Charles Bishop 88
Runs: 18 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 4 £102,856
Disappointing lately, handles quick, needs a major revival to feature

4 009160 MORTE POINT 10 (B;D)
(9) W Muir & C Grassick 4-9-6 Ashley Lewis (3) 97
Runs: 17 Wins: 5 (2F,2A,G) Places: 2 £53,911
Better than latest suggests, remains capable from a fair-looking mark

5 667642 ANGEL HUNTER 7 (B;D)
(5) R Hannon 4-9-4 ..... Pat Dobbs 96
Runs: 20 Wins: 4 (S,F,2A) Places: 4 £122,116
Knocking on door, trip suits, handles fast ground, solid e-w claims

6 4-0030 HUMAM 10 (D)
(1) S Williams 4-9-2 ..... Marco Ghiani 87
Runs: 17 Wins: 3 (F,2A) Places: 4 £72,360
Better than latest, 7f suits, needs to raise his game back on turf now

7 2905-9 KODI LION 21 (D)
(6) M Appleby 5-9-1 ..... Alistair Rawlinson 90
Runs: 20 Wins: 3 (3G) Places: 8 £83,788
Below best on return, needs old spark to become competitive again

8 0-8365 SWORD 14 (D)
(4) S Williams 5-8-13 ..... Olivia Haines (7) 95
Runs: 22 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 7 £45,797
Good recent efforts at this level, still looks on a competitive mark

9 1-30 PINATUBO'S LEGACY 28 (D)
(8) T Kent 4-8-13 ..... David Egan 86
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (A) £8,174
Handicap debut forgivable, capable of much better, bounce back

10 411- CASTLE ROCK 281 (P★;D)
(7) C Appleby 3-8-11 ..... Billy Loughnane ●99
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (2G) £17,971
Dual winner here, could improve again after absence, check betting

BETTING: 2 Castle Rock, 3 Angel Hunter, 5 Sword, 8 Arctic Dawn, 14 Morte Point, 16 Military Code, Pinatubo's Legacy, Humam, Betty Clover, Kodi Lion

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 5 6 1 8

2025: Royal Zabeel 4-10-0, J Watson 12-1 (M Appleby), drw 5, 8 ran.

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SWORD (8-9) 33-1 prominent, led after 2 furlongs, pushed along 2f out, headed 1f out, no extra, 5th of 16 (btn 1½l) to Amazing Journey (8-10) **ARCTIC DAWN** (9-10) 28-1 close up, driven 2f out, stayed on one pace late on, 6th (btn 2l) (16 ran) (Ascot 7f hcap (2) £77,310 good to firm).
MILITARY CODE (8-10) 40-1 rear mid-division, pushed along 2f out and weakened, last of 13 (btn 12l) to Redorange (9-1) (York 5f Listed (1) £39,697 good to firm).
BETTY CLOVER (9-2) 33-1 raced near side, in touch with leaders, ridden 2f out, soon weakened, 23rd of 24 (well btn) to Alobayyah (8-11) (Ascot 1m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
HUMAM (9-4) 40-1 held up in rear, ridden 2f out, minor headway final 110yds, 13th of 20 (btn 7¾l) to Crimson Spirit (9-6) **MORTE POINT** (9-8) 22-1 prominent, ridden 2f out, keeping on final furlong, not recover, 14th (btn 8½l) (20 ran) (Goodwood 7f hcap (3) £25,770 good to firm).
ANGEL HUNTER (9-2) 9-2 rear mid-division, headway 2f out, chased front rank 1f out, stayed on 110yds out, held, btn hd by Asuka (9-5) (15 ran) (Thirsk 7f hcap (3) £9,720 good).
KODI LION (10-2) 10-1 in touch with leaders, ridden in rear 2f out, last of 9 (btn 11l) to Egoli (9-6) (Doncaster 7f hcap (3) £9,631 good to firm).
SWORD (9-11) 25-1 prominent, ridden 2f out, weakened final furlong, 6th of 11 (btn 3l) to Secret History (8-11)
PINATUBO'S LEGACY (9-12) 25-1 held up, ridden 1f out, weakened, 10th (btn 8½l) (11 ran) (Newmarket 7f hcap (3) £20,616 good to firm).
CASTLE ROCK (9-4) 8-13 fav chased leader, headway to press leader 2f out, ridden 1f out, ran on final furlong, bt Hello Spaceboy (9-4) 1½l (5 ran) (Newmarket 6f nov (4) £5,154 good).

4.14 WILLIAM HILL BEST ODDS HANDICAP (3) 3-Y-O; winner £10,308; 1m (7 runners)

1 615- LOOKA 343 (H)
(5) M Botti 9-11 ..... Silvestre De Sousa 93
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (A) £7,689
Lengthy layoff, 1m may suit, soft excuses last time but fitness to prove

2 51-290 MAN OF VISION 30 (P★)
(1) C Appleby 9-7 ..... Toby Moore (7) 92
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £18,311
Recent efforts below best, handles ground, needs to bounce back

3 0-3218 RUNSWICK 9 (D)
(4) E Dunlop 9-6 ..... Billy Loughnane 96
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (F,GS) Places: 2 £23,044
Better than latest suggests, still looks fairly treated and big Billy on board

4 0-2700 VINCENZO PERUGGIA 9
(3) C Johnston 9-6 ..... David Egan 89
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £13,907
Needs more, 1m suits but mark is easing and not ruled out entirely

5 2-1510 GO RIMBAUD 9 (D)
(7) J & T Gosden 9-4 ..... Robert Havlin 97
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 2 £16,840
Latest forgiven, 1m suits, needs to rediscover earlier promise now

6 -52429 LUZON HEIGHTS 29 (P★;D)
(2) W Knight 8-12 ..... Marco Ghiani 90
Runs: 11 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 4 £17,971
Reliable before flop, return to trip suits, capable of bouncing back

7 4-711 DRYMEE 37 (D)
(6) J Fanshawe 8-10 ..... Ashley Lewis (3) ●99
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (S,F) £11,812
Progressive, unbeaten at mile, open to further improvement from mark

BETTING: 11-8 Drymee, 5 Looka, Man Of Vision, 6 Go Rimbaud, 7 Luzon Heights, 10 Runswick, 25 Vincenzo Peruggia

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-4-5 1 1

2025: Mister Winston 9-3, J Watson 11-8 Fav (A Balding), drw 2, 6 ran.

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LOOKA (9-3) 28-1 in last pair, pushed along out wide over 2f out, shaken up and weakened inside final 2f, 5th of 6 (btn 5¾l) to A Bit Of Spirit (9-3) (Sandown 7f Grp 3 (1) £36,862 soft).
MAN OF VISION (8-12) 11-2 rear, pushed along 1f out, weakened final furlong, detached finish, last of 13 (btn 9¾l) to Jazl (9-3) (Newmarket 6f hcap hdle (2) £51,540 good to firm).
RUNSWICK (9-6) 25-1 held up, pushed along but plenty to do over 1f out, soon ridden, kept on inside final furlong, nearest finish, 8th of 19 (btn 3¼l) to Exclusive Code (9-9) **GO RIMBAUD** (9-4) 11-1 in touch, bit short of room and dropped to rear after 2f, not clear run 2f out, looked after when beaten 1f out, 15th (btn 6l) **VINCENZO PERUGGIA** (9-8) 40-1 chased leaders, pushed along 2f out, no impression 1f out, weakened final furlong, 16th (btn 6¾l) (Goodwood 1m hcap (3) £25,770 good to firm).
LUZON HEIGHTS (9-9) 4-1 midfield, shaken up over 2f out, ran on same pace over 1f out, 9th of 11 (btn 13l) to Illy's Roo (9-1) (York 1m hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).
DRYMEE (9-8) 7-4 jt fav midfield in touch, ridden over 2f out, led over 1f out, soon drifted right and kept on, bt Del Corso (9-1) 1¾l (4 ran) (Newbury 1m hcap (5) £5,757 good to firm).

4.50 KEEP RACEDAY POSITIVE HANDICAP (5) winner £5,234; 5f (6 runners)

1 238231 MERRIMACK 7 (V;CD)
(5) S Williams 5-9-12 ..... Chloe Lyons (7) 98
Runs: 39 Wins: 6 (S,2F,A,GS,G) Places: 10 £54,412
Consistent, likes it here, won well latest, still looks competitive today

2 307-43 BRAVE NATION 16 (D)
(2) M Attwater 6-9-11 ..... Billy Loughnane 96
Runs: 30 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 6 £71,142
Encouraging return, handles fast ground, well treated if building on that

3 6470-6 OUR PLANET 14 (H;D)
(1) M Keady 4-9-8 ..... Daniel Muscutt 88
Runs: 11 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £10,344
Sharper for return, fast 5f suits but needs much better than latest

4 414211 THORNABY PEARL 8 (D)
(4) A Nicholls 8-9-5 . Oliver Carmichael (7) ●99
Runs: 53 Wins: 8 (3S,2GS,3G) Places: 10 £53,532
On hat-trick, thriving over 5f, remains major player despite rising mark

5 020404 LION'S HOUSE 26 (D)
(3) L Perratt 5-9-4 ..... Paddy Bradley 90
Runs: 28 Wins: 4 (4A) Places: 4 £36,772
Finished well latest, fair mark now, slow starts continue to limit chance

6 1-6825 LOLEETA 87 (D)
(6) S Williams 3-9-4 ..... Marco Ghiani 91
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £10,460
Forgive latest, fast 5f suits, capable of better if bouncing back after break

BETTING: 6-4 Merrimack, 5-2 Thornaby Pearl, 4 Brave Nation, 15-2 Lion's House, 12 Our Planet, 20 Loleeta

WHERE FAVES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

5.23 WILLIAM HILL PRICE BOOSTS APPRENTICE HANDICAP (5); winner £5,234; 1m 6f. (6 runners)

1	(3)	7754241	**PRINCE QUATTRO J21 (C,D)** J Owen 7-10-2	Mason Paetel ●99
2	(4)	-246312	**JACK LANGLEY 35 (BF)** C Clover 4-10-1	Jack Callan 97
3	(6)	60-0662	**BALTIC 11 (B)** L Wadham 6-10-1	Ashley Lewis 91
4	(5)	-677612	**STITCHING WHEEL 20 (D)** C Grant 4-9-4	Cian Horgan (3) 98
5	(1)	123P-43	**DEREHAM 43 (C,D)** J Berry 10-9-1	Molly Keegan-Price (7) 93
6	(2)	2760-82	**FRAM CASTLE 17 (V)** M Wigham 5-9-1	Alexandra Egan (5) 96

BETTING: 15-8 Prince Quattro, 9-4 Jack Langley, 11-2 Fram Castle, 13-2 Stitching Wheel, 8 Dereham, 11 Baltic

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

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TEMPLEGATE		TOM PEPPER	
1.35	All Ways Glamorous	1.35	Tuco Salamanca
2.10	Shrimp Shady (nb)	2.10	SHRIMP SHADY (nap)
2.45	NIGHT BREEZE (nap)	2.45	Night Breeze
3.20	Red Spells Danger	3.20	Red Spells Danger
3.55	Hoseki	3.55	Pierre Grosse
4.30	Ozat	4.30	Bullet Point (nb)

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Night Breeze and Shrimp Shady (double) with Hoseki (all Ascot).
TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Shrimp Shady and Bullet Point (both Ascot).
SUNRATINGS' NAP: ARCHERS BAY (3.55 Ascot).
THE JUDGE: NIGHT BREEZE (2.45 Ascot).

TRACKFAX . . .

TIC-TAC: Right-handed galloping track of 1m 6f, straight mile, stiff uphill finish. **DRAW:** No significant advantage. **FAVOURITES:** (2021-2026): 298 have won out of 912 races (32.7%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 40 have won out of 148 races (27.0%).**JACKPOT:** 1-6. **LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING**

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TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: R Varian 11 wins from 30 runners; E Walker 10 from 38; James Owen 13 from 58; W Haggas 10 from 50; J & T Gosden 6 from 32; J Harrington 6 from 32; A Balding 9 from 52; R Hannon 10 from 59; I Williams 6 from 43; C Johnston 5 from 46.
TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: R & P Fahey 49; R Beckett 32; P Kirby 27; M Bell 23; R Cowell 19; P Charalambous & J Clutterbuck 18; C Fellowes 13; A Watson 11; M Murphy 10; J Osborne 9.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 W Haggas 40-251, A Balding 36-336, J & T Gosden 33-267, E Walker 21-150, R Beckett 18-190, R Varian 17-175, R Hannon 17-252, W Muir & C Grassick 8-58, D O'Meara 8-173, A Watson 7-114. **THIS SEASON:** A Balding 7, W Haggas 5, E Walker 4, J & T Gosden 4.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 1.35 Gaeli M Botti to P Kirby; **2.10 Kilmeaden** Donnacha O'Brien (Ire) to Faye Bramley; **Marnier** J & T Gosden to G & J Moore; **2.45 Genealogy** D Hogan (Ire) to Faye Bramley; **3.20 Jel Pepper** Oliver Cole to S C Williams. **RACEFAX:** W Haggas won the 3.55 in 2022 & 2025. A Balding won the 2.10 in 2018, 2024. **LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Mountain Road** (2.10) trained by J Goldie, Glasgow, round trip 812 miles; **Gaeli** (1.35) trained by P Kirby, Richmond, round trip 498 miles; **Pole Star** (2.10), C Johnston, Middleham, round trip 486 miles.

IN THE MONEY

MONEY TALKS: Pierre Grosse (3.55) opened 11-2 second at 7-2; **Level Look** (3.55) opened 9-4 second at 7-4f; **Anyasi** (3.20) opened 2-5 won at 3-10f; **Royal Poetry** (3.55) opened 6-4 second at 5-4f; **Archers Bay** (3.55) opened 9-1 unplaced at 13-2.

TOP EARNERS:

2.45 **Enemy**	£1,018,479
1.35 **Apollo One**	£519,821
4.30 **Two Tribes**	£393,879
2.10 **Spirit Mixer**	£314,120
4.30 **Popmaster**	£301,126
2.10 **Beylerbeyi**	£273,241

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None. **BLINKERED FIRST TIME:** 3.20 Shaatir. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** 3.55 Baltic Fleet. **FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** None today. **WEIGHTWATCHER:** 2.10 **Pole Star** (won off 87 down 3lb to 84); **Onefor thegutter** (won off 92 down 6lb to 86)

BIG-RACE TRENDS

Yr	G	Ran	Winner	Age	Jockey	Trainer	SP	Wt	OR	Draw	Days	Form
25	GF	10	**EBTS GUARD**	4	Graberg, P-A	Muir & Grassick	13/2	9-13	98	3	8	1034752
24	GF	10	**NEW IMAGE**	4	Turner, Hayley	O'Meara, D	100/30	9-7	92	2	14	1314132
23	Gd	10	**PEROTTO**	5	Hansen, Thore	Varian, Roger	100/30	9-7	98	6	8	4097017
22	GF	10	**JUNGLE COVE**	5	Wilson, EJ	Harrington, J	14/1	9-6	92	5	14	243812
21	GS	10	**DASHING ROGER**	4	Fallon, Cieren	Stone, W B	5/1	9-11	99	3	45	1570413
19	Gd	10	**POWER OF DARKNESS**	4	Ho, Vincent	Tregoning, M P	11/4	9-7	94	2	45	6311271
18	Gd	10	**VIA SERENDIPITY**	4	Turner, Hayley	Williams, S C	7/2	9-9	95	9	14	1352134
17	GS	10	**RAISING SAND**	5	Pietsch, A	Osborne, J A	10/1	9-3	92	12	21	2117P06
16	GF	10	**EARLY MORNING**	5	Turner, Hayley	Dunlop, H J L	6/1	9-10	98	12	28	3100180
15	GF	10	**HALATION**	4	Spencer, J	Simcock, D M	5/1	9-4	96	12	35	5715424
14	Gd	10	**DONT CALL ME**	7	Wilson, EJ	Nicholls, D	5/1	9-2	95	1	14	9420875
13	Gd	10	**NINE REALMS**	4	Doyle, J	Haggas, W J	9/2	9-8	93	9	28	2210
12	GF	9	**BOOM AND BUST**	5	Fallon, K	Tregoning, M P	3/1	9-9	99	1	8	1115104

CERULEAN BAY looks deep for the Shergar Cup Mile.

One thing to say about the richest race on the Shergar Cup card is that the overseas riders have had a good time of it.

Maybe because it's tended to be in the middle or near the end of the card and they have had a few spins around Ascot by then, but the overseas jocks have taken this six times in the past 11 runnings.

Only one of the past 25 winners scored last time out although six of the past seven were in the first four.

Horses aged four and five have dominated with 14 of the past 15 between them and a block between 92 and 99 in the official ratings has dominated too. You don't want to be coming back from a long break with 45 days the most break you want.

Any horse who ran in the Goodwood Mile last time should be noted as that's the best path.

Looking at this year's line-up no runner ticks all the boxes but **CERULEAN BAY** has lots in his favour.

He was second in the Goodwood Mile last time and is five years old. The only negative is his official rating of 106 but most of the field are in triple figures this time.

He looks a good each-way bet for trainer David O'Meara.

4.30 Ascot Shergar Cup Mile

LONG SHOT **ROYAL POETRY (3.55 Ascot) is rarely out of the frame and went close again at Salisbury last time. She likes this trip and can make her presence felt in what looks an open Shergar Cup contest. Hopefully Yutaka Take can give her a decent ride.**

1.35 SHERGAR CUP DASH (HANDICAP) (Class 2) winner £41,803; 5f (12 runners)

1 -00193 **KENDALL ROY 15 (D)** — (3) K McGivern (Ire) 5-10-2 ..... **Frida Skar** 94
Runs: 24 Wins: 7 (S,5G) Places: 5 £227,507
Listed winner over this trip, Shergar bow for French-based Norwegian pilot

2 9-1610 **TUCO SALAMANCA 7** — (4) O Sangster 4-10-0 ..... **Jerry Chau** ●99
Runs: 19 Wins: 7 (S,6A) Places: 2 £121,443
Less convincing on turf lately, mark still fair, British debut for HK rider

3 -11700 **FAHRENHEIT SEVEN 42 (D)** — (8) R Cowell 5-10-0 ..... **Saffie Osborne** 90
Runs: 18 Wins: 7 (3A,GS,3G) Places: 3 £104,821
Dual 5f wins earlier, needs revival after two poor runs, return to 5f helps

4 310430 **FANDOM 7 (D)** — (7) R Hannon 5-9-12 ..... **Suraj Narredu** 95
Runs: 15 Wins: 4 (4G) Places: 2 £251,320
Better than latest, firm and 5f suit well, capable if bouncing back today

5 -78807 **SPARTAN ARROW 99 (B;D)** — (5) A Watson 6-9-11 ..... **Ryan Moore** 93
Runs: 23 Wins: 6 (F,2A,3G) Places: 3 £113,874
Below best this term, quick suits but needs old spark to threaten today

6 7-3911 **ALL WAYS GLAMOROUS 14 (CD)** — (11) C Mason 5-9-11 ..... **Marie Velon** 97
Runs: 20 Wins: 5 (3F,A,G) Places: 8 £91,575
Amazing 31lb higher than first win, trip and track suit, on the shortlist

7 -16560 **GAELI 43 (B;D)** — (6) P Kirby 5-9-10 ..... **Yutaka Take** 87
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (A) £11,203
Forgive latest, best 5f form fits, good ground suits, needs more overall

8 -11150 **GOLD STAR HERO 7 (D)** — (1) M Bell 4-9-8 ..... **Vincent Ho** 90
Runs: 18 Wins: 5 (4A,GS) Places: 1 £36,137
AW hat-trick, quieter back on turf, fast 5f suits, plenty to prove though

9 618936 **BOLO NEIGHS 14 (C)** — (9) R Beckett 4-9-7 ... **Christophe Lemaire** 98
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (G) Places: 5 £252,937
Better than latest at 5f, return to 6f preferred though, well treated now

10 4-8180 **CINQUE VERDE 11 (D)** — (2) A Carroll 6-9-6 ..... **Jamie Melham** 88
Runs: 41 Wins: 10 (3F,7A) Places: 7 £120,527
Newmarket win off lower mark, may strip fitter, needs better than latest

11 293900 **APOLLO ONE 14 (C)** — (12) Charalambous/Clutterbuck 8-9-5 **RESERVE** 92
Runs: 51 Wins: 5 (2S,F,2A) Places: 18 £519,821
Course winner, fair recently, ground suits, capable of making frame

12 070860 **KYLIAN 14 (V;D)** — (10) R Cowell 5-9-4 ..... **RESERVE** 86
Runs: 32 Wins: 6 (4A,GS,G) Places: 6 £148,454
Better than latest, 5f okay, recent evidence points to needing more today

BETTING: 4 Tuco Salamanca, 9-2 Bolo Neighs, 6 Fandom, All Ways Glamorous, 10 Spartan Arrow, Fahrenheit Seven
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-3 1 2-3 1 3
2025: Vintage Clarets 6-9-8, H Bowman 5-1 (R&P Fahey), drw 9, 10 ran.

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KENDALL ROY (10-2) 15-2 mid-division, headway final furlong, kept on, 3rd of 11 (btn 1¼l) to Ipanema Queen (9-2) (Cork 5f hcap €30,000 good to firm).
TUCO SALAMANCA (9-5) 14-1 in touch, no impression 1f out, weakened, 14th of 27 (btn 4l) to Evening Saigon (9-0)
GOLD STAR HERO (9-0) 80-1 led, ridden 2f out, headed 1f out, no extra, 18th (btn 7l) **FANDOM** (9-3) 33-1 no threat, 24th (btn 11l) (Goodwood 6f hcap (2) £128,850 good to firm).
TUCO SALAMANCA (9-10) 13-2 rear, pushed along 2f out, progress 1f out, stayed on to lead late, bt Strike Red (8-10) ¾l **FAHRENHEIT SEVEN** (10-0) 11-1 midfield, effort 2f out, no impression, 13th (btn 12l) (14 ran) (Newcastle 6f hcap (2) £25,770 AW).
FANDOM (8-12) 40-1 last, never in contention, 6th of 11 (btn 6l) to Lexington Blitz (8-7) **SPARTAN ARROW** (9-5) 9-1 midfield, asked for effort 1f out, plugged on without threat, 7th (btn 6¼l) (11 ran) (Goodwood 5f hcap (2) £23,193 good).
ALL WAYS GLAMOROUS (9-4) 8-1 made all far side, kept on gamely, bt Getreadytorumble (9-12) 1¾l **BOLO NEIGHS** (9-5) 6-1 rear, driven 2f out, kept on, 6th (btn 2¾l) (13 ran) (Ascot 5f hcap (2) £30,924 good to firm).
GAELI (9-12) 14-1 in touch with leaders, hampered 1f out, last (btn 11l) (Newcastle 5f hcap (2) £30,924 AW).
CINQUE VERDE (9-12) 40-1 led, driven 2f out, headed 1f out, tired, 16th of 20 (6l) to Sing The Blues (8-11) (Goodwood 6f hcap (3) £25,770 good).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

1.35

ALL WAYS GLAMOROUS can complete the hat-trick after looking better than ever when making all here last time, and this thriving five-year-old has proved he relishes a fast 5f. It's tricky for an overseas rider but in a sprint you just point and shoot. Another bold front-running display could take plenty of catching. **Kendall Roy** rates the chief threat after going close in a hot Cork handicap, having already landed a Listed contest this summer and showing he remains right at the top of his game despite a high mark. It's easy to forgive **Tuco Salamanca** for his Goodwood defeat after trouble in running although he's probably better on the sand. **Bolo Neighs** finished behind the selection at Ascot but didn't get the breaks and came home strongly. He'll be finishing with a rattle.

1:35 ASCOT — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS (5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR)

	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	KENDALL ROY	2	4	4	5	5	4	2	1	27/40
2	TUCO SALAMANCA	4	2	4	3	4	4	3	2	26/40
3	FAHRENHEIT SEVEN	2	5	2	4	1	1	2	4	21/40
4	FANDOM	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	1	14/40
5	SPARTAN ARROW	2	4	3	2	1	1	2	5	20/40
6	ALL WAYS GLAMOROUS	5	3	5	4	3	5	3	2	30/40
7	GAELI	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	12/40
8	GOLD STAR HERO	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	18/40
9	BOLO NEIGHS	3	1	1	1	2	3	5	3	19/40
10	CINQUE VERDE	2	3	3	1	1	1	3	2	16/40
11	APOLLO ONE	2	1	1	1	2	3	2	2	14/40
12	KYLIAN	1	2	2	3	1	1	2	2	14/40

2.10 SHERGAR CUP STAYERS (HANDICAP) (2) winner £41,803; 2m (11 runners)

1 4-3040 **SPIRIT MIXER 42 (D)** — (2) A Balding 8-9-10 ..... **Saffie Osborne** 93
Runs: 44 Wins: 9 (S,2F,2A,GS,3G) Places: 7 £314,120
Below best this year, stamina assured, needs to bounce back in grade

2 03-860 **LAVENDER HILL MOB 53** — (5) J Owen 5-9-8 ..... **Jamie Melham** 85
Runs: 18 Wins: 2 (A,G) £32,021
Out of form, Melbourne Cup-winning rider needs to work her magic

3 02-735 **KILMEADEN 43** — (7) F Bramley 4-9-7 ..... **Vincent Ho** 98
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 Places: 4 £23,760
Fair recently, longer trip may suit, HK rider a previous winner at meeting

4 40-905 **DANCING IN PARIS 15 (C)** — (3) I Williams 6-9-6 ..... **Luke Ferraris** 93
Runs: 34 Wins: 4 (A,3G) Places: 11 £185,258
Better latest over shorter, return to further helps, fair each-way claims

5 412161 **SHRIMP SHADY 21 (D)** — (10) A Balding 4-9-6 ..... **Ryan Moore** ●99
Runs: 12 Wins: 4 (2F,A,G) Places: 4 £98,980
Progressive, won again latest, trip and firm ground suit, leading chance

6 8/4351 **MOUNTAIN ROAD 69 (D)** — (9) J Goldie 7-9-3 ..... **Yutaka Take** 92
Runs: 20 Wins: 5 (F,3A,G) Places: 3 £90,657
Back to winning ways latest, stays strongly, can remain competitive here

7 -72631 **MARNIER 36** — (4) G & J Moore 4-9-3 ..... **Suraj Narredu** 97
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 4 £26,133
Won over 14f latest, longer trip worth exploring, still on a fair mark now

8 08-788 **ONEFORTHEGUTTER 29 (T★;C)** — (6) I Williams 7-9-2 ..... **Marie Velon** 89
Runs: 39 Wins: 4 (F,A,GS,G) Places: 7 £240,202
Has been struggling for a while, likes it here but needs to find best

9 -43509 **POLE STAR 29** — (11) C Johnston 4-9-0 ... **Dylan McMonagle** 95
Runs: 14 Wins: 3 (S,2G) Places: 2 £115,944
Stays trip, recent form mixed, stronger test could help bounce back

10 14-464 **HERMETIC 42 (D)** — (8) I Williams 4-8-11 ... **Christophe Lemaire** 96
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (2S) Places: 2 £24,248
Encouraging latest, stamina proven, could improve back on turf today

11 236084 **BEYLERBEYI 29 (H)** — (1) I Williams 6-10-3 ..... **RESERVE** 95
Runs: 45 Wins: 9 (2F,2A,2GS,2G) Places: 13 £272,299
Big eyecatcher latest, stays well, ground suits, solid each-way claims

BETTING: 10-3 Shrimp Shady, 11-2 Kilmeaden, 13-2 Hermetic, 7 Mountain Road, 12 Marnier, Spirit Mixer, 14 Lavender Hill Mob
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 6 1 6 8
2025: Fireblade 4-9-3, S Narredu 13-2 (D Cunha), drw 2, 9 ran.

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DANCING IN PARIS (9-2) 25-1 mid-division, outpaced 2f out, 15th of 20 (btn 16l) to Align The Stars (9-6)
SPIRIT MIXER (9-4) 18-1 rear, no room 2f out, 19th (well btn) (20 ran) (Newcastle 2m hcap (2) £77,310 AW).
LAVENDER HILL MOB (9-6) 50-1 led, ridden and headed 3f out, weakened 2f out, 14th (btn 14l) (20 ran) (Ascot 2½m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
KILMEADEN (9-0) 4-1 mid-division, ridden 3f out, kept on, 5th of 11 (btn 5l) to Reverend Hubert (9-2) (Curragh 2m hcap €21,000 good to firm).
DANCING IN PARIS (9-7) 20-1 midfield, headway 2f out, effort 1f out, plugged on, 5th of 9 (5l) to Al Azd (9-5) (Ascot 1½m hcap (2) £23,193 good to firm).
SHRIMP SHADY (9-3) 13-2 midfield, shaken up to lead 1f out, on nod, bt Team Player (9-8) ns (7 ran) (Newbury 2m hcap (2) £30,924 good to firm).
MOUNTAIN ROAD (9-5) 9-1 rear, headway 3f out, ridden 2f out, pressed leaders over 1f out, led over 110yds out, ran on, bt St Faz (9-0) 1½l **POLE STAR** (9-10) 10-3 fav mid-division, ridden 3f out, no extra 1f out, 5th (btn 3½l) (13 ran) (Thirsk 2m hcap (3) £20,616 good).
MARNIER (10-1) 7-2 rear, headway 2f out, led 1f out, always going enough, bt Pyleates (8-11) 1¼l (8 ran) (Sandown 1½m hcap (4) £6,281 good).
ONEFORTHEGUTTER (8-11) 14-1 handy, ridden 2f out, weakened, 8th (btn 5½l) **POLE STAR** (8-9) 11-1 handy, effort 2f out, weakened, 9th (btn 9½l) (10 ran) (Newmarket 1½m (2) £51,540 good to firm).
HERMETIC (9-5) 18-1 prominent, pushed along 2f out, weakened, 4th of 20 (btn 2¾l) to Belleviantducan (9-6) **SHRIMP SHADY** (9-11) 3-1 fav midfield, pushed along 2f out, headway 1f out, no extra, 6th (btn 4l) (Newcastle 2m hcap (2) £38,655 AW).

SHERGAR CUP STAYERS PINSTICKERS: P4-5

2:10 ASCOT — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS (5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR)

	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	SPIRIT MIXER	2	4	3	3	2	1	5	4	24/40
2	LAVENDER HILL MOB	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	2	13/40
3	KILMEADEN	2	3	1	2	3	3	4	1	19/40
4	DANCING IN PARIS	4	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	14/40
5	SHRIMP SHADY	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	37/40
6	MOUNTAIN ROAD	2	4	4	4	4	4	3	2	27/40
7	MARNIER	3	2	3	4	4	3	3	2	24/40
8	ONEFORTHEGUTTER	5	1	2	2	1	1	3	2	17/40
9	POLE STAR	2	3	2	3	1	1	3	4	19/40
10	HERMETIC	2	1	2	1	2	2	3	3	16/40
11	BEYLERBEYI	2	2	4	2	3	4	3	1	21/40

THE Placepot is a bet where you select a horse to be placed in the FIRST SIX races of any meeting. You can pick more than one horse in a race – you just multiply the number of selections in each race to calculate your stake. So for staking it's 2x2x1x2x2x2 which adds up to 32 lines.

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TODAY'S PICKS AT ASCOT

LEG 1.....All Ways Glamorous, Bolo Neighs
LEG 2.....Shrimp Shady, Hermetic
LEG 3.....Night Breeze
LEG 4.....Red Spells Danger, Thunder Call
LEG 5.....Hoseki, Archers Bay
LEG 6.....Ozat, Bullet Point

2.45 SHERGAR CUP (2) winner £41

1 778518 **CLA** — (12) J Chapp
Runs: 37 Wins: 5 (S,
Below-par latest, stays w

2 220-20 **INSA** — (10) A King
Runs: 18 Wins: 4 (S,
Likes it here, forgive latest, F

3 9/952- **FRA** — (11) W Hagg
Runs: 12 Wins: 4 (4
Long absence, stamina r

4 341233 **NIGH** — (7) I William
Runs: 32 Wins: 6 (3
Won this last year, holdin

5 310990 **ENE** — (5) I William
Runs: 53 Wins: 7 (F,
Poor recently, stays trip,

6 341406 **ASG** — (9) D Cunh
Runs: 45 Wins: 10 (F
Fair latest over further, tr

7 -66023 **CAS** — (8) R & P Fa
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (S,
Knocking on door, HK-bas

8 071310 **SPO** — (6) J Owen
Runs: 38 Wins: 4 (2
Easy Newmarket winner,

9 60-504 **FAN** — (1) E Walke
Runs: 61 Wins: 10 (S
Better latest, stays well e

10 2-9041 **STE** — (3) R Hann
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,
Back to winning ways, lo

11 /88-50 **GEN** — (2) F Braml
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (G)
Flat form modest this ter

12 936881 **PAR** — (4) I William
Runs: 34 Wins: 6 (F,
Returned to winning way

BETTING: 4 Night Breeze, 9 Stuart, 8 Claymore, 10 Stem, 12
WHERE FAVOURITES FINIS
2025: Night Breeze 5-9-6, R Do

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SPORTINGSILVERMINE (8-9) 1 prominent, kept on final furlong Paddy The Squire (9-10) 1¾l **NIG**
BREEZE (9-4) 12-1 rear, headw 2f out, no extra finish, 3rd (btn 2
CLAYMORE (9-8) 15-2 led, headec out, weakened, 8th (btn 12l) **ENE** (9-6) 50-1 slow away, tailed off 2f last (well btn) (12 ran) (Newmar 1½m hcap (2) £64,425 good to firm
INSANITY (9-6) 10-1 rear, ridden 3f headway final furlong, 13th of 17 (btn) to Opportunity (9-7) (Ascot 1½ hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
FRANCES ETHEL (9-10) 20-1 chas leaders, ridden 1f out, headed l btn 1¾l by Morrophore (9-12) (9 r (Lingfield 1½m hcap (2) £23,193 A
NIGHT BREEZE (8-12) 14-1 mid-divisi driven 1f out, kept on one pace, of 17 (btn 1l) to Al Aali (8-10) (Go

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NIGHT BREEZE can blo cracking effort at G consistent six-yea and looks rea mark. **Insani** off a rare fl very consis should sui **Stuart** has handicaps a display looks this longer trip. **S** in front at Sandown ar suggesting this return unlock more improveme **Captain** who is dropping

2:45 ASCOT

	HORSE	Crs	Dis
1	CLAYMORE	2	1
2	INSANITY	3	3
3	FRANCES ETHEL	3	2
4	NIGHT BREEZE	5	5
5	ENEMY	1	2
6	ASGARD'S CAPTAIN	4	4
7	CASTLE STUART	3	1
8	SPORTINGSILVERMINE	3	3
9	FANTASY BELIEVER	4	1
10	STEM	3	4
11	GENEALOGY	2	2
12	PARLANDO	3	1

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LIVE ITV: 1.35 - 4.30

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

CHALLENGE (HANDICAP)
,803; 1m 4f (12 runners)

YMORE 35 (C,D)
ole-Hyam 7-10-2 .....**Jerry Chau** **91**
,3F) Places: 6 £186,661
ell and can fare better back in this company

ANITY 50 (CD)
6-10-1..............**Marie Velon** **95**
,3G) Places: 6 £143,261
French pilot amassed 22 points on debut here in '24

NCES ETHEL 248 (D)
gas 6-10-0...........**Vincent Ho** **97**
G) Places: 3 £51,592
no issue but turf return asks plenty today

HT BREEZE 11 (CD)
ns 6-10-0.....**Dylan McMonagle** ●**99**
F,GS,2G) Places: 11 £213,933
g form, trip suits, should be thereabouts again

MY 35 (C,D)
ns 9-9-12............ **Frida Skar** **84**
4A,GS,G) Places: 12 £1,018,479
handles ground but needs major revival now

ARD'S CAPTAIN 29 (D)
a 6-9-8 .... **Ryan Moore** **98**
F,5A,4G) Places: 10 £184,890
ip suits and mark looks about right now

TLE STUART 28
ahey 4-9-8 .... **Luke Ferraris** **94**
,G) Places: 4 £74,641
sed rider has six Grp 1 wins in native South Africa

RTINGSILVERMINE 28 (D)
5-9-8 .... **Yutaka Take** **90**
F,A,G) Places: 10 £158,320
, excusable latest, still on fair mark, chance

TASY BELIEVER 15 (C)
er 9-9-6 ....**Saffie Osborne** **95**
S,F,4A,3GS,G) Places: 11 £188,439
nough, looks weighted to stay competitive

M 35
on 4-9-6 ....**Jamie Melham** **93**
S) Places: 2 £51,151
nger trip suits, remains open to improvement

EALOGY J27 (T★)
ey 4-9-5 ....**RESERVE** **88**
) Places: 1 £13,797
m, stamina fine, plenty to prove back on level

LANDO 14
ns 7-9-3..............**RESERVE** **92**
2A,GS,2G) Places: 10 £218,297
s, trip suits and still on a workable mark now

-2 Insanity, 6 Frances Ethel, 7 Castle Fantasy Believer
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lan 11-4 Fav (I Williams), drw 10, 10 ran.

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wood 1¼m hcap (2) £61,848 good).
ASGARD'S CAPTAIN (9-1) 25-1 prominent, weakened, 6th of 10 (btn 3¾l) to Valedictory (9-1) (Newmarket 1¾m (2) £51,540 good to firm).
CASTLE STUART (8-9) 12-1 mid-division, never nearer, 4th of 22 (btn 3¾l) to Raammee (9-2) **FANTASY BELIEVER** (9-0) 100-1 rear, ridden 1f out, never on terms, 11th (btn 9½l) **SPORTINGSILVERMINE** (8-12) 22-1 chased leaders, pushed along 3f out, soon weakened, 21st (well btn) (York 1¼m hcap (2) £103,080 good to firm).
FANTASY BELIEVER (9-6) 10-1 midfield, plugged on, 4th of 9 (btn 4¾l) to Al Azd (9-5) (Ascot 1½m hcap (2) £23,193 good to firm).
STEM (9-5) 15-2 led, ridden 2f out, kept on 1f out, stayed on, gamely, bt Theory Of Tides (9-11) 1l (9 ran) (Sandown 1¼m hcap (2) £23,193 good to firm).

ATE'S VERDICT

w them away after another Goodwood and this tough, ar-old loves it here. He stays dy to cash in again from a fair **ty** is a big danger if shrugging lop over C&D as he had been stent and a strongly-run race it his hold-up style. **Castle** been mixing it in red-hot at York and another honest on the cards if he sees out **Stem** finally got his head back nd did it with a bit to spare, to a staying distance could ent. Ryan Moore rides **Asgard's** to his best trip.

TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS
5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR

Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	1	1	2	1	2	11/40
1	4	3	1	3	2	20/40
1	1	1	2	4	2	16/40
4	3	5	5	3	4	34/40
1	1	1	1	3	2	12/40
5	4	2	1	1	5	26/40
1	2	4	4	1	2	18/40
3	3	2	1	5	2	22/40
2	1	1	3	4	4	20/40
4	5	4	4	3	2	29/40
2	3	3	3	4	1	20/40
3	1	1	1	3	1	14/40

3.20 SHERGAR CUP SPRINT (HANDICAP) (2)
3-Y-O; winner £41,803; 6f (12 runners)

1 6-3039 **HAVANA HURRICANE 28 (C)**
(10) E J-Houghton 10-2.......... **Frida Skar** **89**
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 4 £193,558
Mixed bag of late, return to 6f helps, fair mark now but needs more

2 310-44 **SHAATIR 116 (B★;D)**
(7) A Watson 9-13........... **Luke Ferraris** **86**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £10,949
Excuses latest, return to quick helps, needs best but not ruled out

3 6-3388 **MAY ANGEL 30**
(9) J & T Gosden 9-13 **Christophe Lemaire** **90**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £18,613
Fair lately, 6f suits, handles fast ground, has world-class French rider up

4 211245 **RED SPELLS DANGER 14 (D)**
(3) T Easterby 9-11.........**Saffie Osborne** **98**
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 4 £76,102
Consistent in strong handicaps, trip & ground ideal, should go well

5 -74646 **FIGJAM 29 (D)**
(5) K Scott 9-11 ....**Vincent Ho** **92**
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £31,833
Holding form in similar, fast ground suits, each-way possibilities only

6 10922- **AMERICAN GULF 310 (D)**
(12) O Cole 9-11 ....**Suraj Narredu** **90**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £14,351
Absent since autumn, 6f suits, Indian rider part of last year's winning team

7 1-4664 **JEL PEPPER 39 (H★;D)**
(1) S Williams 9-11 ....**Marie Velon** **91**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (S,G) £145,284
Recent efforts solid, 6f suits, fair mark now but needs a stronger finish

8 152-10 **CAPE ASHIZURI 56 (D)**
(6) J & S Quinn 9-10 ....**Dylan McMonagle** **94**
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 1 £18,205
Latest easy to forgive, 6f suits, needs revival, capable on quicker ground

9 02-113 **THUNDER CALL 30 (BF,D)**
(11) W Haggas 9-10.............**Jerry Chau** ●**99**
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 2 £87,492
Strong handicap form, 6f and fast ideal, remains firmly in the mix

10 22115 **GRASMERE BOY 14 (D)**
(2) J Camacho 9-10.......... **Yutaka Take** **89**
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 2 £18,941
Last run below best, 6f suits, Japanese pilot riding at ninth Shergar Cup

11 3-11 **ANYASI 35 (D)**
(8) R Varian 9-9 ....**RESERVE** **97**
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (S,F) £11,941
Unbeaten this term, progressive, opening mark could underestimate

12 340110 **ONE AND GONE 9 (D)**
(4) I Williams 9-4 ....**RESERVE** **87**
Runs: 16 Wins: 3 (A,2G) Places: 4 £46,191
Two wins before latest flop, needs to rediscover earlier momentum

BETTING: 5-2 Thunder Call, 9-2 Red Spells Danger, 6 American Gulf, 10 May Angel, Jel Pepper, 12 Havana Hurricane, Cape Ashizuri
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 1-3-6 1 1 1
2025: Prince Of India 10-0, R Sakai 10-3 Fav (M Botti), drw 1, 10 ran.

Sunracing FORM

HAVANA HURRICANE (9-3) 9-1 midfield, kept on late, 9th of 15 (btn 2¾l) to Dubai Bling (9-10) (Ascot 5f hcap (2) £51,540 good to firm).
SHAATIR (9-8) 18-1 rear, headway 1f out, weakened, 4th of 5 (btn 8½l) to Talk Of New York (9-8) (Newmarket 7f 3yo cond stks (2) £15,462 good).
THUNDER CALL (8-13) 9-2 fav rear, pushed along 2f out, ran on well final furlong, 3rd of 13 (btn 1l) to Jazl (9-3) **RED SPELLS DANGER** (9-1) 5-1 prominent, pushed along 1f out, no extra, 4th (btn 1¼l) **MAY ANGEL** (9-3) 14-1 handy, kept on one pace, 8th (btn 2¼l) (13 ran) (Newmarket 6f hcap hdle (2) £51,540 good to firm).
RED SPELLS DANGER (9-0) 4-1 chased leaders, ridden 1f out, 5th of 21 (btn 1½l) to Stratusnine (9-7) (York 6f (2) £51,540 good to firm).
FIGJAM (9-0) 50-1 in touch, kept on same pace final furlong, 6th of 13 (3¼l) to Flora Of Bermuda (9-6) (York 6f Grp 3 (1) £56,710 good to firm).
AMERICAN GULF (9-8) 4-1 led, pushed along 2f out, just held, btn nk by Sword Maker (9-12) (4 ran) (Salisbury 6f 2yo stks (2) £12,885 good).
JEL PEPPER (9-9) 13-2 prominent, pushed along 2f out, faded, 4th of 7 (3¼l) to Fleetwater (9-2) (Salisbury 6f hcap (3) £10,308 good to firm).
THUNDER CALL (8-5) 4-1 midfield, progress 3f out, ran on, bt **RED SPELLS DANGER** (8-9) 7-2 fav midfield, stayed on late, held, ½l **CAPE ASHIZURI** (8-12) 22-1 tracked leaders, weakened, 19th (btn 15l) (22 ran) (York 6f hcap (2) £64,425 good).
GRASMERE BOY (9-5) 13-2 in touch, ridden 1f out, weakened late on, 5th of 7 (btn 5¾l) to Calico Blue (9-9) (Chester 6f hcap (3) £15,462 good).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

3.20

RED SPELLS DANGER can land this after another rock-solid effort in a hot York handicap and he's not run a bad race all season. He handles quick ground, is still improving and this looks a great chance to get back on the scoresheet. **Thunder Call** is the obvious danger after finishing just ahead of the selection at Newmarket and he remains open to progress, although 7f would be ideal. **May Angel** has been running well in strong company without quite getting his head in front and he's had a little help from the handicapper. **American Gulf** is the unknown quantity after a long absence but showed plenty of ability last season and returns gelded so could make an impact, while **Cape Ashizuri** is better than we saw at York latest.

3:20 ASCOT — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS
5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR

	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	HAVANA HURRICANE	5	1	3	3	1	2	3	2	20/40
2	SHAATIR	4	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	17/40
3	MAY ANGEL	2	1	1	1	1	3	5	3	17/40
4	RED SPELLS DANGER	4	3	1	1	4	4	2	4	23/40
5	FIGJAM	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	2	15/40
6	AMERICAN GULF	4	2	3	2	3	1	2	2	19/40
7	JEL PEPPER	4	1	1	4	1	1	4	2	18/40
8	CAPE ASHIZURI	4	4	2	4	2	1	3	5	25/40
9	THUNDER CALL	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	2	32/40
10	GRASMERE BOY	4	4	4	2	3	1	2	2	22/40
11	ANYASI	4	5	5	2	5	3	4	1	29/40
12	ONE AND GONE	4	1	2	3	2	2	3	1	18/40

3.55 SHERGAR CUP CLASSIC (HANDICAP) (3)
3-Y-O; win £41,803; 1m 4f (11 runners)

1 1-1394 **ARCHERS BAY 29**
(7) M Botti 10-2.............. **Ryan Moore** ●**99**
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 1 £31,176
Better than latest, longer trip may suit, ace Ryan needs no introduction

2 34-111 **HOSEKI 29 (CD)**
(3) W Haggas 9-12.........**Saffie Osborne** **98**
Runs: 5 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 1 £45,976
On hat-trick, likes it here, extra yardage suits, Saffie's riding out of her skin

3 1-232P **BALTIC FLEET 10 (V★)**
(6) I Williams 9-10.............**Jerry Chau** **86**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 2 £14,733
Poor latest forgiven, needs revival, capable if returning to earlier form

4 84202 **BLUE HERCULES 28**
(10) W Muir & C Grassick 9-10 **Jamie Melham** **94**
Runs: 5 Places: 2 £15,401
Went close here latest, fast ground suits and should be competitive

5 -32422 **PIERRE GROSSE 20 (P★)**
(9) J Harrington (Ire) 9-9 .... **Luke Ferraris** **96**
Runs: 8 Places: 4 £31,040
Knocking on door, stays well, handles ground, still seeks first success

6 127212 **ROYAL POETRY 14 (BF,D)**
(4) R Hannon 9-4............ **Yutaka Take** **93**
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 3 £18,990
In good form, fast ground suits though this is a tougher assignment

7 213134 **KING OF BERKSHIRE 28 (D)**
(8) A Balding 9-3 .....**Christophe Lemaire** **89**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £17,628
Latest below best, drop in trip fine, needs to bounce back to earlier form

8 04-142 **LEVEL LOOK 6 (BF)**
(1) A Balding 9-2 .... **Frida Skar** **92**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £11,401
Promising latest, longer trip suits, open to improvement from this mark

9 1-9820 **OHARA 14**
(5) E J-Houghton 9-0 ...**Dylan McMonagle** **90**
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 1 £12,128
Latest best ignored, needs to settle better to figure back at this trip

10 53-813 **LAST VERSE 10 (D)**
(11) J Parr 9-0...............**Suraj Narredu** **88**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (F) £12,985
Solid stable debut, stays well, cheekpieces retained, could outrun odds

11 476231 **TAI HANG PEGASUS 2**
(2) C Fellowes 8-13(3ex).........**RESERVE** **86**
Runs: 8 Places: 2 £6,636
Stays further, likely to appreciate trip, needs stronger pace to threaten

BETTING: 7-4 Hoseki, 7-2 Archers Bay, 7 Royal Poetry, 15-2 Blue Hercules, 8 Pierre Grosse, 12 Baltic Fleet, King Of Berkshire, 14 Last Verse, 16 Ohara, Level Look
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1-7 8 5 1
2025: Tenability 9-13, D Santiago 7-4 Fav (W Haggas), drw 1, 8 ran.

Sunracing FORM

ARCHERS BAY (9-2) 13-2 prominent, effort 2f out, weakened, 4th of 6 (4½l) to Heraldry (8-12) (Newmarket 1¼m hcap hdle (2) £51,540 good to firm).
HOSEKI (8-2) 13-8 fav rear, ran on final furlong, led final strides, bt Nochebuena (7-11) sh hd (7 ran) (Ascot 1½m hcap (3) £25,770 good to firm).
BALTIC FLEET pulled up latest, (9-8) 15-8 handy, not pace of winner, 2l by Galilean Quality (9-5) (4 ran) (W'hampton 1½m hcap (3) £8,505 AW).
BLUE HERCULES (8-2) 18-1 in touch, ridden 2f out, held towards finish, btn nk by Tryfan (8-11) (8 ran) (Ascot 1½m hcap (2) £24,300 good to firm).
PIERRE GROSSE (9-8) 7-2 prominent, kept on, not match winner, btn ½l by Tokyo Tower (9-8) (6 ran) (Curragh 1½m mdn €12,000 good to firm).
ROYAL POETRY (9-9) 5-4 fav rear, pressed winner final furlong, btn 1l by Rossa Raheen (9-5) (6 ran) (Salisbury 1½m hcap (5) £4,580 good to firm).
KING OF BERKSHIRE (8-9) 9-2 held up in rear, ridden 2f out, 4th of 6 (btn 9l) to Galilean Quality (9-2) (Ascot 1¾m hcap (3) £16,200 good to firm).
LEVEL LOOK (9-1) 7-4 fav held up, headway 2f out, ridden 1f out, btn 1½l by Charmaine (10-1) (7 ran) (Chester 1½m hcap (4) £7,731 good).
OHARA (9-2) 11-2 mid-division, pushed along 2f out, no response, last of 15 (well btn) to Primo Lara (10-1) (Ascot 1½m hcap (4) £16,042 good to firm).
LAST VERSE (9-9) 13-2 led, ridden 2f out, no impression on front pair inside final furlong, 3rd of 4 (btn 2½l) to Boilermaker (8-12) (Sandown 1¾m hcap (4) £6,019 good to firm).
ROYAL POETRY (9-4) 9-2 rear, headway to lead 2f out, clear final furlong, pushed out, bt Boilermaker (9-0) 2¼l (5 ran) (Doncaster 1½m hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

3.55

HOSEKI can keep her unbeaten handicap record intact after showing real grit to get up in the final stride here last time. She's improving with every run, this longer trip promises even more and William Haggas looks to have another smart staying filly on his hands. **Archers Bay** is a major threat after enduring a rough passage at Newmarket and never getting the gaps. Ryan Moore takes over. **Blue Hercules** almost caused a surprise over course and distance last month, sticking on gamely despite pulling early and another bold front-running effort looks likely. **Pierre Grosse** has been knocking on the door in Ireland and this return to a handicap off a workable mark could see him step forward again. **Level Look** is another with untapped potential after finishing strongly from an impossible position at Chester.

3:55 ASCOT — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS
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	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	ARCHERS BAY	3	3	2	4	3	3	3	5	26/40
2	HOSEKI	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	38/40
3	BALTIC FLEET	3	2	2	3	4	2	4	2	22/40
4	BLUE HERCULES	2	1	1	1	1	4	3	2	15/40
5	PIERRE GROSSE	3	3	1	3	3	4	4	2	23/40
6	ROYAL POETRY	3	4	4	3	4	3	4	2	27/40
7	KING OF BERKSHIRE	4	4	4	3	2	1	5	3	26/40
8	LEVEL LOOK	3	3	3	4	1	2	5	2	23/40
9	OHARA	3	2	2	2	1	1	3	4	18/40
10	LAST VERSE	3	3	4	3	1	1	2	2	19/40
11	TAI HANG PEGASUS	3	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	14/40

4.30 SHERGAR CUP MILE (HANDICAP) (RND)
(2) winner £49,180; 1m (12 runners)

1 425842 **CERULEAN BAY 8 (D)**
(9) D O'Meara 5-10-1 ....**Jamie Melham** ●**99**
Runs: 31 Wins: 7 (S,2GS,4G) Places: 7 £211,372
In form, trip suits, handles fast ground, should be thereabouts again

2 000720 **TWO TRIBES 7 (B;BF,C)**
(10) R Spencer 5-9-13....**Dylan McMonagle** **97**
Runs: 31 Wins: 4 (GS,3G) Places: 12 £393,879
Latest excused, good run here before, Shergar bow for Irish champion jockey

3 -48032 **CROWN BOARD 14 (D)**
(12) J Chapple-Hyam 6-9-12 ..... **Frida Skar** **95**
Runs: 15 Wins: 3 (S,2A) Places: 2 £61,746
Back to best lately, handles any ground and major contender again

4 -16100 **MISTER WINSTON 8 (D)**
(1) A Balding 4-9-12............**Jerry Chau** **90**
Runs: 14 Wins: 4 (F,GS,2G) Places: 2 £92,221
Better than latest, trip suits, fast ground fine, capable of better here

5 -04439 **EBT'S GUARD 8 (CD)**
(7) W Muir & C Grassick 5-9-12 **Suraj Narredu** **95**
Runs: 36 Wins: 4 (S,2F,G) Places: 15 £267,825
Good record here, latest respectable, trip suits, mark looks demanding

6 2214-0 **FONDO BLANCO 51 (T★;D)**
(11) R Varian 4-9-11 ....**Marie Velon** **87**
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (S,GS) Places: 5 £44,584
Return run forgivable, fair mark, trip suits if sharper for that outing

7 170-70 **BULLET POINT 84 (P★;D)**
(2) W Haggas 5-9-10 ..**Christophe Lemaire** **96**
Runs: 14 Wins: 4 (S,F,A,G) Places: 2 £167,824
Needs revival, better than recently, trip suits, must rediscover best

8 227044 **POPMASTER 35 (C,D)**
(6) E Walker 8-9-6 .... **Luke Ferraris** **91**
Runs: 59 Wins: 7 (2S,F,3A,GS) Places: 17 £301,126
Holding form, handles conditions but younger rivals appeal more

9 -00800 **OZAT 8 (D)**
(8) I Williams 5-9-6........... **Ryan Moore** **93**
Runs: 21 Wins: 4 (S,A,GS,G) Places: 4 £77,863
Ignore latest, fair mark, trip suits, capable if getting the gaps required

10 450010 **SERENGETI 50**
(5) M Murphy 4-9-5 ....**Vincent Ho** **87**
Runs: 17 Wins: 3 (F,A) Places: 2 £42,706
Drop in trip helps, fast ground suits, needs to leave latest well behind

11 -66020 **STORM STAR 51 (D)**
(3) A Balding 5-9-4 ....**RESERVE** **90**
Runs: 16 Wins: 4 (4A) Places: 4 £172,725
Needs more after latest, fast ground fine but others look stronger

12 -06061 **HICKORY 14 (CD)**
(4) J Osborne 8-9-4.............**RESERVE** **97**
Runs: 32 Wins: 6 (S,2F,2A,GS) Places: 10 £243,064
Loves it here, arrives after course win, fair mark, strong contender

BETTING: 7-2 Cerulean Bay, 6 Ebt's Guard, Ozat, 7 Bullet Point, 8 Crown Board, 12 Two Tribes, 14 Popmaster, 16 Mister Winston
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-3-7 4 3 1 3
2025: Ebt's Guard 4-9-13, P Graberg 13-2 (Muir/Grassick), drw 3, 10 ran.

Sunracing FORM

CERULEAN BAY (9-12) 12-1 midfield, headway final furlong, btn 1¼l by Archivist (9-12) **EBT'S GUARD** (9-11) 7-1 midfield, not clear run 2f out, kept on same pace, 9th (btn 4½l) **MISTER WINSTON** (9-10) 22-1 rear, not clear run 1f out, no impression, 14th (btn 7½l) **OZAT** (9-6) 18-1 midfield, not clear run 1f out, short of room, 15th (btn 8¾l) (18 ran) (Goodwood 1m hcap (2) £90,195 good to firm).
TWO TRIBES (9-6) 11-2 fav in rear, beaten 2f out, last of 27 (well btn) to Evening Saigon (9-0) (Goodwood 6f hcap (2) £128,850 good to firm).
CROWN BOARD (9-11) 9-1 handy, driven 2f out, ridden 1f out, ½l (11 ran) (Ascot 1m hcap (2) £30,924 good).
FONDO BLANCO (9-10) 50-1 prominent, ridden 2f out, weakened 1f out, 21st (btn 10l) (28 ran) (Ascot 7f hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
EBT'S GUARD (9-12) 14-1 tracked leaders, ridden 1f out, weakened, 4th of 15 (btn 2¾l) to Classic (9-2) **BULLET POINT** (9-11) 11-2 prominent, ridden 2f out, weakening final furlong, 12th (btn 7l) (15 ran) (Newbury 1m hcap (2) £38,655 good).
EBT'S GUARD (9-6) 8-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, headway 1f out, kept on, 3rd of 14 (btn 2l) to Indalo (9-1) **POPMASTER** (8-13) 50-1 held up, headway final furlong, kept on, 4th (btn 2l) **OZAT** (9-1) 25-1 handy, tired, last (well btn) (14 ran) (Sandown 1m hcap (2) £61,152 good to firm).
SERENGETI (9-3) 50-1 prominent, ridden 3f out, weakened, 15th of 17 (well btn) to Opportunity (9-7) (Ascot 1½m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

4.30

OZAT is worth another chance with Ryan Moore taking over after suffering a nightmare at Goodwood where he never saw daylight when travelling strongly. A clear run this time could make all the difference and his mark looks workable. **Cerulean Bay** is in terrific nick after a cracking effort in a Goodwood handicap and he's sure to be on the premises again if reproducing that level. **Crown Board** has returned from his break better than ever, going close over C&D last time, and another bold bid looks inevitable despite a lofty mark. **Two Tribes** is easy to forgive after stumbling badly leaving the stalls at Goodwood, with his excellent Ascot second the run to judge him on. **Bullet Point** was second in last year's Hunt Cup so trip and track are ideal in first-time cheekpieces.

4:30 ASCOT — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS
5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR

	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	CERULEAN BAY	1	1	1	2	4	4	3	2	18/40
2	TWO TRIBES	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	4	14/40
3	CROWN BOARD	2	2	1	2	2	5	2	2	18/40
4	MISTER WINSTON	5	4	5	4	1	1	4	2	26/40
5	EBT'S GUARD	3	2	2	1	4	3	2	2	19/40
6	FONDO BLANCO	2	3	2	3	3	2	5	2	22/40
7	BULLET POINT	4	5	4	5	2	1	4	3	28/40
8	POPMASTER	1	1	1	1	5	3	3	2	17/40
9	OZAT	1	4	3	3	1	2	4	5	23/40
10	SERENGETI	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	2	12/40
11	STORM STAR	3	4	3	4	1	2	4	1	22/40
12	HICKORY	4	3	3	3	3	4	2	1	23/40

Favourite YET MORE COLOURS, TIPS AND SUPER

HAYDOCK ON ITV: 2.25, 3.00

GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)

TEMPLEGATE

1.50.....Brighton View
2.25.....Sallaal
3.00.....Fallen Angel
3.34.....Crimson Spirit
4.09.....Norcross Brow
4.40.....Yorkshire
5.10.....Home Hero

TOM PEPPER

1.50.....Brighton View
2.25.....Nahraan
3.00.....Fallen Angel
3.34.....Crimson Spirit
4.09.....Norcross Brow
4.40.....Arctic Thunder
5.10.....Phantom Watch

TIC-TAC: Left-handed oval track of 1m 5f with a 4f straight. The 5f & 6f races are run on the straight. **DRAW:** In 5f & 6f races on soft ground high numbers have an advantage. **FAVOURITES:** (2021-2026): 328 have won out of 1,034 races (31.7%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 29 have won out of 112 races (25.9%).
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HOT 'N NOT

TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: R Varian 11 wins from 30 runners; E Walker 10 from 38; W Knight 4 from 17; E Bethell 6 from 29; W Haggas 10 from 50; S & E Crisford 4 from 21; J & T Gosden 6 from 32; K R Burke 8 from 45; A Balding 9 from 52. **JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days:** J Mitchell 7 wins from 30; D Tudhope 4 wins from 22; James Doyle 6 wins from 41; O Murphy 11 wins from 80 rides; R Dawson 5 wins from 37; K Shoemark 6 wins from 46; K Stott 4 wins from 32; C T Keane 5 wins from 40.
TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: R & P Fahey 49; H Palmer 20; D F Davis 18; C Cox 16; L Williamson 14; C Fellowes 13; Owen Burrows 12. **JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win:** Harry Vigors 34; Rose Dawes 27; S M Levey 14; O Murphy 11; S Donohoe 10; J Mitchell 9; C Rodriguez 9.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 W Haggas 47-183, K R Burke 34-205, E Walker 29-141, D O'Meara 27-197, J & T Gosden 19-79, H Palmer 18-146, E Bethell 17-87, C Cox 16-88, A Balding 16-124, T Easterby 14-227. **THIS SEASON:** K R Burke 4, E Walker 3.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 T Marquand 35-190, D Tudhope 24-158, O Murphy 20-84, C Rodriguez 18-90, James Doyle 17-83, C Lee 16-138, K Shoemark 11-82, J Mitchell 7-48, S M Levey 7-60, K Stott 7-87. **THIS SEASON:** O Murphy 2, C Lee 2.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: No qualifiers. **RACEFAX:** W Haggas won the 3.00 in 2017 & 2019. **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Star Anthem** (4.40) trained by C Cox, Hungerford, round trip of 384 miles.

IN THE MONEY

MONEY TALKS: Norcross Brow (4.09) opened 6-4 won at 11-10f; **Phantom Watch** (5.10) opened 5-6 second at 8-13f; **Calendar Girl** (3.00) opened 13-8 won at 6-5f; **Brighton View** (1.50) opened 4-6 won at 1-2f; **Sallaal** (2.25) opened evens won at 4-5f.

TOP EARNERS

3.00 **Fallen Angel**.....£1,143,070
4.40 **Witch Hunter**.....£500,591
2.25 **Convergent**.....£338,348
3.00 **Calendar Girl**.....£262,122
3.00 **Pacific Mission**.....£181,453
2.25 **Sallaal**.....£155,063

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: Brighton View (1.50) won at Yarmouth (1m 3f 104yds). **Witch Hunter** (4.40) won at Thirsk (1m). **BLINKERED FIRST TIME:** 4.40 Skipper. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** 3.34 New Image; 4.09 Norfolk Blue. **FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** Triple Double A (4.40). **WEIGHTWATCHER:** 3.34 **New Image** (won off 92 down 10lb to 82); 4.40 **Financer** (won off 81 down 4lb to 77). **JOB JOCKEY:** C T Keane rides **Pacific Mission** (3.00) for A Balding, 17 from 47, 36%. O Murphy rides **Nahraan** (2.25) for J & T Gosden, 72 from 242, 30%. C Rodriguez rides **Calendar Girl** (3.00) for Owen Burrows, 19 from 65, 29%.

1.50 BETWAY LEIGH HANDICAP (Class 5); 3-y-o; value to the winner £5,234; 1m 2f. (6 runners)

1 (5) 5-71021 **BRIGHTON VIEW 6 (D)** W Knight 9-13(6ex) ..... **Oisin Murphy 98**
2 (1) 218-694 **MANDARIN SPIRIT 25** K Ryan 9-9 ..... **Kevin Stott 92**
3 (3) 4-5418 **RELENTLESS HERO 42 (D)** A Balding 9-6 ..... **Colin Keane 95**
4 (4) 83-3352 **SAXOPHONIST 16** D O'Meara 9-6 ..... **Daniel Tudhope ●99**
5 (2) 63479 **CLAYTONS KOLATONIC** 54 D F Davis 8-7 ..... non-runner 85
6 (6) 66-0953 **LC TIFFEN 12** L Williamson 8-4 ..... **Molly Gunn (5) 86**
BETTING: 10-11 Brighton View, 7-2 Saxophonist, 4 Relentless Hero, 8 Mandarin Spirit, 25 Lc Tiffen
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1 2 1-3
2025: Masterinthewoods 9-7 D Probert 11-4 JtFav (E Lavelle) drawn 4, 8 ran.

2.25 BETWAY ROSE OF LANCASTER STAKES (GRP 3) (1) winner £53,874; 1m 2f (5 run)

1 17-154 **CONVERGENT 30 (D)**
(3) K R Burke 4-9-10 ..... **Clifford Lee 94**
Runs: 10 Wins: 5 (S,GS,2G) Places: 2 £338,348
Better than last two runs, trip suits, return to this level gives renewed hope

2 119-14 **DANGER BAY 28 (D)**
(4) E Bethell 4-9-7 ..... **Daniel Tudhope 92**
Runs: 7 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 2 £52,310
Better than latest result, trip suits, still progressing in Pattern company

3 1113-9 **NAHRAAN 53 (BF,D)**
(5) J & T Gosden 4-9-7 ..... **Oisin Murphy 96**
Runs: 5 Wins: 3 (A,2G) £48,473
Too free on return, proven at this trip, capable of much better now

4 35-211 **SALLAAL 36 (H;D)**
(1) R Varian 4-9-7 ..... **Ray Dawson ●99**
Runs: 9 Wins: 5 (S,F,GS,2G) Places: 1 £155,063
Progressive, trip ideal, handles conditions, sets standard on recent form

5 06433- **SEA SCOUT 287 (D)**
(2) S & E Crisford 4-9-7 ..... **James Doyle 88**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 2 £52,806
Absent since autumn, stays well but likely to improve for this return

BETTING: 4-5 Sallaal, 3 Nahraan, 11-2 Danger Bay, 8 Convergent, 25 Sea Scout
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2 1 1 1-6
2025: Royal Dubai 5-9-7, C Rodriguez 9-4 JtFav (O Burrows), drw 2, 7 ran.

Sunracing FORM

CONVERGENT (9-8) 3-1 raced in third, outpaced 3f out, soon hung left and dropped to last, detached final furlong, last of 4 (btn 16l) to Rebel's Romance (9-11) (Newmarket 1m rnd Grp 2 (1) £93,572 good to firm).
DANGER BAY (9-9) 11-2 rear mid-division, headway 3f out, soon denied clear run and shuffled back, in clear 1f out and ran on well, nearest finish (finished 5th, placed 4th), 5th of 22 (btn 4l) to Raammese (9-2) (York 1m hcap (2) £103,080 good to firm).
NAHRAAN (9-5) 5-1 jt fav rear mid-division, closer 3f out, pushed along 2f out, no real impression when hampered over 1f out, soon held, 9th of 16 (btn 5¼l) to Map Of Stars (9-5) (Ascot 1m Listed (1) £70,888 good to firm).
SALLAAL (9-9) 4-5 fav took keen hold, prominent, ridden 2f out, headway to lead final furlong, kept on, bt Persica (9-9) 1¾l (6 ran) (Sandown 1m Listed (1) £34,026 good).
SEA SCOUT (9-0) 22-1 held up in touch, headway out wide tracking leaders 10f out, led 3f out, ridden and headed inside final 2f, lost 2nd over 1f out, no extra in 3rd, 3rd of 9 (btn 6¾l) to Hamish (9-6) (Newbury 1m Grp 3 (1) £42,532 soft).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

2.25

SALLAAL can continue Roger Varian's fantastic run of form after looking every inch a Group horse when cruising home in Listed company at Sandown. This son of Frankel travelled powerfully, quickened clear with authority and looks destined for even bigger prizes if maintaining his upward curve. **Nahraan** is the chief danger despite disappointing on his comeback, as he travelled far too freely after a long absence and still has the class to make his presence felt if settling better. **Danger Bay** has done little wrong all season and was desperately unlucky not to finish much closer in a red-hot York handicap, so another career-best effort could be on the way. **Convergent** is better than his latest display suggests after failing to settle in a tactical affair and has already shown this season he can mix it at Group level. **Sea Scout** returns from a lengthy absence and is entitled to need this after being gelded.

3.00 DICK HERN STAKES (FILLIES' & MARES' LISTED) (1) winner £39,697; 1m (11 run)

1 /85-31 **ALOBAYYAH 52 (D)**
(4) W Haggas 4-9-4 ..... **Tom Marquand 98**
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (S,F) Places: 1 £73,266
Progressive Ascot winner, mile suits, capable of another step forward

2 1-3032 **AVIATRICE 23 (D)**
(1) D Marnane (Ire) 4-9-4 ..... **Clifford Lee 87**
Runs: 15 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 8 £78,395
Holding form well, proven at a mile but needs more in this stronger contest

3 1110-4 **FALLEN ANGEL 86 (C,D)**
(3) K R Burke 5-9-4 ..... **James Doyle ●99**
Runs: 15 Wins: 7 (F,3G) Places: 2 £1,143,070
Top-class mare, return sharpened her up, proven at trip, the one to beat

4 4116-5 **MAEVA 113 (D)**
(7) C Fellowes 4-9-4 ..... **Ray Dawson 84**
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (S,A) £12,995
Return nothing of note, mile suits but others have stronger recent claims

5 -19243 **MOSTAR DREAMS 13 (C,D)**
(11) A Keatley 5-9-4 ..... **Oisin McSweeney 80**
Runs: 27 Wins: 4 (S,2F,A) Places: 9 £65,594
Creditable Lstd efforts lately, handles conditions but this asks for more

6 31-140 **NOCHE CLASICA 52 (D)**
(9) E Bethell 4-9-4 ..... **Daniel Tudhope 88**
Runs: 9 Wins: 4 (GS,3G) Places: 1 £57,417
Poor in Grp 2 latest, earlier form gives her place claims if bouncing back

7 24-151 **RUMBA NUMBA 11 (D)**
(5) R Varian 4-9-4 ..... **Jack Mitchell 94**
Runs: 7 Wins: 3 (F,A,G) Places: 1 £43,780
Progressive hcap winner, mile ideal, respected on current upward curve

8 5-0432 **BLINGY'S SISTER 13**
(8) H Palmer 3-8-11 ..... **Oisin Murphy 91**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 5 £51,566
Consistent Lstd performer, mile suits, give another good account here

9 1211- **CALENDAR GIRL 302**
(10) O Burrows 3-8-11 ..... **Callum Rodriguez 95**
Runs: 4 Wins: 3 (F,GS,G) Places: 1 £262,122
Unbeaten since debut, open to further progress returning from absence

10 122-53 **PACIFIC MISSION 63**
(6) A Balding 3-8-11 ..... **Colin Keane 97**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £181,453
Better latest in Group company, mile suits, has each-way possibilities

11 1-602 **SILENCIOSA 35**
(2) T Clover 3-8-11 ..... **Kieran Shoemark 89**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £17,585
Lstd second latest, mile suits and capable of being in the mix once more

BETTING: 5-6 Fallen Angel, 4 Alobayyah, 6 Pacific Mission, 14 Rumba Numba, Calendar Girl, 16 Noche Clasica, 20 Silenciosa, 25 Blingy's Sister, 33 Aviatrice, 66 Mostar Dreams, Maeva
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 4 5 2 4
2025: Suite Francaise 3-8-11, J Fanning 15-2 (C Johnston), drw 6, 7 ran.

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ALOBAYYAH (8-11) 11-4 fav midfield, ridden 2f out, chased leader final furlong, kept on well and led towards finish, bt Miss Nightfall (8-10) nk
RUMBA NUMBA (8-9) 14-1 midfield, not clear run 2f out, soon ridden, headway final furlong, kept on same pace, 5th (btn 2¾l) (24 ran) (Ascot 1m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
AVIATRICE (10-0) 3-1 tracked leaders, headway 2f out, no impression on winner final 100 yards, btn 1¼l by Loughrea (9-12) (6 ran) (Leopardstown 1m hcap €15,000 good).
FALLEN ANGEL (9-5) 11-2 led at steady pace, ridden 3f out, headed 2f out, soon beaten, last of 4 (btn 4¼l) to See The Fire (9-2) (York 1¼m Grp 2 (1) £93,572 good).
MAEVA (10-2) 11-1 raced in fourth, ridden 2f out, soon held, never threat, last of 5 (btn 7¼l) to Politely (8-3) (Whampton 1m 1f hcap (3) £7,956 AW).
MOSTAR DREAMS (9-2) 20-1 in rear, kept on past beaten rivals 1f out, went third near line, 3rd of 6 (btn 3¾l) to Holloway Boy (9-7) (Pontefract 1m Listed (1) £33,612 good to firm).
NOCHE CLASICA (9-2) 40-1 took keen hold, chased leaders, ridden over 2f out, soon faded, last of 15 (well btn) to Blue Bolt (9-2) (Ascot 1m Grp 2 (1) £141,775 good to firm).
RUMBA NUMBA (9-7) 17-2 handy in second, led 2f out, ridden over 1f out, just held on towards finish, bt Nanino Niyati (9-8) ns (14 ran) (Goodwood 1m hcap (3) £25,770 good).
BLINGY'S SISTER (9-2) 7-2 led, edged left final furlong, soon headed, kept on, btn 1¼l by Repel (9-2) (8 ran) (Mont De Marsan 1m Listed (1) £20,785 good to soft).
CALENDAR GIRL (9-2) 6-5 fav midfield, headway over 3f out, ridden and went second over 1f out, led final furlong, kept on well, bt Mubasimah (9-2) nk
BLINGY'S SISTER (9-2) 22-1 chased leaders, ridden 2f out, switched right when unbalanced over 1f out, ran on, 5th (btn 7¼l) (10 ran) (Newmarket 7f Grp 3 (1) £36,862 good).
PACIFIC MISSION (9-10) 15-2 held up in touch, ridden into second over 1f out, no extra final furlong, 3rd of 7 (btn 11l) to Sparks Fly (9-11) (Epsom 1m Grp 3 (1) £70,888 good to soft).
SILENCIOSA (9-2) 11-1 chased winner, ridden 2f out, kept on same pace, held on for second post, btn 2¾l by Secret Of Life (9-2) (8 ran) (Sandown 1m Listed (1) £34,026 good to firm).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

3.00

FALLEN ANGEL should really win this on a fair drop in class. She found 1m2f a bit too far on her return in the Middleton and Karl Burke has given her a break since that May run. This drop back in trip looks ideal for a mare with five Group 1 victories to her name. Back against her own sex, she sets a daunting standard. **Alobayyah** is the obvious danger after showing a terrific attitude to land a huge Ascot handicap and she's still improving, so this rise into Listed company may not stop her. **Rumba Numba** arrives on the up after just taking a competitive Goodwood handicap and Roger Varian's filly is progressing with racing, making her an each-way contender. **Pacific Mission** has held her own in Pattern company before and shaped much better at Epsom last time, so she can't be dismissed if building on that. **Calendar Girl** is worth a market check after 10 months off. She was last seen landing a Group 3 over 7f as a juvenile and has lots of scope for more.

3.34 BETWAY ASHTON HEATH HANDICAP (3) winner £7,851; 7f (7 runners)

1 301421 **CRIMSON SPIRIT 10 (D)**
(4) D & C Kubler 5-10-2 ..... **Tom Marquand ●99**
Runs: 23 Wins: 6 (4F,2G) Places: 7 £102,557
Tidy win at Goodwood, thriving, still capable despite higher mark

2 0-0020 **PELLITORY 10 (D)**
(1) D O'Meara 4-10-1 ..... **Daniel Tudhope 88**
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (S,GS,G) Places: 3 £66,661
Latest forgiven, fair mark now, trip suits and capable of bouncing back

3 219-00 **YANIFER 29 (D)**
(7) H Bethell 8-9-12 ..... **Oisin McSweeney 87**
Runs: 41 Wins: 9 (S,2F,4GS,2G) Places: 10 £138,069
Below best twice this term, handles trip but needs to rediscover old spark

4 13-473 **WECHAAD 28 (D)**
(2) R Varian 3-9-10 ..... **non-runner 97**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 3 £52,486
Solid hcap efforts lately, return to 7f will suit, ruled out yesterday

5 934545 **CHRISTIAN DAVID 14 (B;D)**
(5) R Hannon 5-9-8 ..... **Sean Levey 93**
Runs: 21 Wins: 4 (2A,GS,G) Places: 4 £57,768
Better latest, trip suits, handles conditions and e-w chance in open race

6 305700 **NEW IMAGE 7 (V★;D)**
(3) D O'Meara 6-9-3 ..... **Oisin Murphy 89**
Runs: 20 Wins: 4 (F,2A,G) Places: 4 £120,178
Out of form lately, trip suits but needs dramatic revival to get involved

7 2-2131 **MOONSHINE 59**
(6) E Walker 3-8-12 ..... **Kieran Shoemark 95**
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 4 £19,344
Progressive filly, return to 7f suits, opening mark looks workable now

BETTING: 13-8 Crimson Spirit, 11-4 Moonshine, 5 Christian David, 14 Yanifer, Pellitory, New Image
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 2
2025: Excellent Believe 3-9-10, T Marquand 5-1 (J Channon), drw 9, 9 ran.

Sunracing FORM

CRIMSON SPIRIT (9-6) 11-2 jt fav midfield, led final furlong, kept on and always doing enough towards finish, bt The Liffey (9-4) 2¾l **PELLITORY** (9-9) 22-1 in touch with leaders, ridden 2f out, weakened final furlong, 16th (btn 8¾l) (20 ran) (Goodwood 7f hcap (3) £25,770 good to firm).
PELLITORY (9-7) 14-1 keen in midfield, headway to challenge final furlong, stayed on strongly and took second post, just denied, btn hd by Northern Express (9-9) **YANIFER** (9-2) 11-1 prominent, ridden 2f out, weakened 1f out, 14th (btn 7¼l) (17 ran) (York 7f hcap (3) £15,462 good to firm).
WECHAAD (9-5) 5-1 held up in rear centre group, joined near side group 5f out, switched left 2f out, ridden 1f out, kept on, 3rd of 8 (btn 2½l) to St Anton (9-1) (Newmarket 1m hcap (2) £25,770 good to firm).
CHRISTIAN DAVID (8-10) 11-1 mid-division, ridden and every chance 1f out, one pace, 5th of 11 (btn 1¼l) to Hickory (9-1) (Ascot 1m hcap (2) £30,924 good to firm).
NEW IMAGE (9-3) 9-1 rear mid-division, lost touch over 1f out, eased, last of 15 (well btn) to Asuka (9-5) (Thirsk 7f hcap (3) £9,720 good).
MOONSHINE (9-1) 11-2 mid-division, switched right and headway over 1f out, led final furlong, ran on well, bt Jumeirah Sands (8-13) 2l (8 ran) (Kempton 6f hcap (4) £6,281 AW).

4.09 BETWAY TANNERS BRIDGE HANDICAP (5); 3-y-o; value to the winner £5,234; 7f. (10 runners)

1 (8) 3-73632 **GALBA 10 (BF)** K Frost 9-10 ..... **Conor Whiteley (5) 98**
2 (10) 4683121 **NORCROSS BROW 11 (D)** C Clover 9-10 ..... **Liam Wright (5) ●99**
3 (1) 333530 **COMPRADOR 49** A Brittain 9-7 ..... **Clifford Lee 85**
4 (4) 3-65316 **BLACK ENDEAVOUR 30** M Rimell 9-7 ..... **Kieran Shoemark 96**
5 (6) 34-8104 **NAPOLIAN 11** D O'Meara 9-7 ..... **Daniel Tudhope 92**
6 (7) 71-9991 **CRAFTY BLUE 17 (D)** R Hannon 9-7 ..... **Sean Levey 97**
7 (3) -240212 **FLYTA 11 (D)** M Loughnane 9-7 ..... **Jack Mitchell 95**
8 (9) 53-7551 **BERLINETTA 12** J Channon 9-5 ..... **George Bass 94**
9 (5) 5-44252 **NORFOLK BLUE 15 (V★)** W Knight 9-5 ..... **Oisin Murphy 95**
10 (2) 3-18704 **HORACE WALLACE 49** R & P Fahey 9-4 ..... **Oisin McSweeney 90**
BETTING: 11-4 Norcross Brow, 9-2 Crafty Blue, 5 Galba, 6 Black Endeavour
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 0 1
2025: Tropical Heat 9-8 Rossa Ryan 11-10 Fav (C Cox) drawn 1, 12 ran.

Sunracing FORM

GALBA (9-8) 11-8 fav held up, headway 3f out, led 2f out, headed, btn nk by Horace Hero (9-9) (8 ran) (Sandown 1m hcap (5) £4,449 good to firm).
NORCROSS BROW (9-6) 11-10 fav midfield, headway 2f out, ridden to lead 1f out, bt Carolus Magnus (9-12) 2l **NAPOLIAN** (9-9) 14-1 in touch, pushed along 2f out, ridden 1f out, faded, 4th (btn 5¼l) (7 ran) (Beverley 7f hcap (5) £4,527 good to firm).
COMPRADOR (9-0) 80-1 mid-division, driven 2f out, no progress, 11th of 13 (10l) to Toastmaster (9-2) (Doncaster 7f hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
BLACK ENDEAVOUR (9-9) 9-2 in touch, outpaced 2f out, kept on, 6th of 12 (btn 4l) to Strike (9-8) (Newbury 6f hcap (5) £5,757 good to firm).
CRAFTY BLUE (9-9) 6-1 held up, ridden 2f out, ran on strongly final furlong to lead close home, bt Maximum Velocity (9-3) nk (8 ran) (Leicester 6f Hcap (6) £3,140 good to firm).
FLYTA (9-4) 7-2 chased winner, led 2f out, headed final furlong, kept on, btn 1¾l by Distinct Spirit (10-2) (4 ran) (Ffos Las 7f hcap (5) £4,187 good).
BERLINETTA (9-3) 11-2 midfield, headway 3f out, kept on well inside final furlong, just held on, bt Eazy On The Eye (10-2) sh hd (8 ran) (Windsor 1m hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
NORFOLK BLUE (9-2) 7-2 rear, not much room 2f out, stayed on final furlong, not trouble winner, btn 1¾l by Lyra Lea (9-9) (6 ran) (Sandown 7f hcap (5) £4,449 good to firm).
HORACE WALLACE (9-7) 11-2 midfield, ridden 3f out, kept on final furlong, 4th of 8 (btn 7l) to Circle Of Trust (9-5) (Ayr 7f hcap (5) £4,187 soft).

4.40 BETWAY CAPITAL CITY HANDICAP (3) winner £16,200; 1m (14 runners)

1 24-106 **COSI BELLO 28 (C)**
(6) C Fellowes 4-10-3 ..... **Tom Marquand 93**
Runs: 7 Wins: 3 (F,2A) Places: 2 £65,066
Solid earlier form, trip suits, fast ground fine but needs to resume progress

2 900001 **WITCH HUNTER 7 (D)**
(1) R Hannon 7-10-2 ..... **Seamus Cronin (5) 97**
Runs: 58 Wins: 7 (F,4A,GS,G) Places: 14 £500,591
Revived with latest win, likes it here, trip suits and not dismissed lightly

3 69-092 **YORKSHIRE 21**
(7) E Bethell 6-9-13 ..... **Callum Rodriguez 94**
Runs: 22 Wins: 6 (F,4A,GS) Places: 5 £76,077
Went close latest, trip and firm ground suit, well treated now and respected

4 9308-0 **STAR ANTHEM 91**
(5) C Cox 4-9-13 ..... **Kevin Stott 86**
Runs: 11 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 3 £26,016
Well beaten on return, trip suits but needs major revival to feature today

5 117 **MOUNTAIN CAT 51 (P★;D)**
(9) S bin Suroor 3-9-10 ..... **Stevie Donohoe 95**
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (F,A) £9,720
Smart novice wins, drops from Group company, return to 1m another plus

6 56-109 **SKIPPER 75 (B★;D)**
(13) H Al Jehani 5-9-10 ..... **James Doyle 91**
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (F,A) Places: 1 £16,664
Recent form has dipped badly, needs revival despite fairer mark now

7 -07681 **ARCTIC THUNDER 18 (D)**
(11) E Walker 5-9-9 ..... **Kieran Shoemark ●99**
Runs: 20 Wins: 3 (F,A,G) Places: 2 £54,134
Bolted up latest, still well treated, mile suits, major contender in this

8 8-1708 **TILTED KILT 29 (D)**
(4) W Knight 4-9-6 ..... **Oisin Murphy 91**
Runs: 19 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 5 £70,899
Return to 1m should help, needs more but mark becoming more workable

9 206157 **LEADMAN 14**
(14) D O'Meara 6-9-5 ..... **Daniel Tudhope 93**
Runs: 26 Wins: 3 (2F,A) Places: 7 £61,293
Kept on well in stronger 7f race, return to 1m suits, capable of going close

10 311-27 **LOST SIGNAL 75**
(2) R Hannon 3-9-5 ..... **Sean Levey 92**
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £17,935
Better than latest Group run, hcap debut over 7f could suit very well

11 5090-0 **KING CASPER 29 (C,D)**
(10) A Brittain 4-9-3 ..... **Ray Dawson 85**
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (F,G) £20,409
Poor return after absence, mile suits but needs major revival to figure

12 644521 **INSPIRED 23 (D)**
(8) K R Burke 4-9-0 ..... **Clifford Lee 96**
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 5 £25,121
Won latest in good style, still on fair mark and trip suits, solid e-w claims

13 455214 **FINANCER 14 (B;C)**
(12) T Easterby 5-8-12 ..... **Oisin McSweeney 93**
Runs: 30 Wins: 4 (2F,2G) Places: 6 £78,724
Holding form well, return to mile fine, remains on workable mark for this

14 177578 **TRIPLE DOUBLE A 36 (D)**
(3) H Palmer 4-8-11 ..... **Harry Vigors (5) 90**
Runs: 16 Wins: 4 (3F,A) Places: 1 £29,391
Recent efforts disappointing, trip suits, needs to rediscover earlier promise

BETTING: 5 Arctic Thunder, 11-2 Mountain Cat, 6 Witch Hunter, 7 Cosi Bello, 8 Inspired, Yorkshire, 10 Lost Signal, 12 Financer
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3 8 2 2
2025: Sir Paul Ramsey 3-8-11, J Fanning 12-1 (C Johnston), drw 9, 10 ran.

5.10 BETWAY APPRENTICE HANDICAP (5); 3-y-o; value to the winner £5,234; 1m. (8 runners)

1 (5) 22-1811 **SUGGY 8 (D)** C Hills 10-2 ..... **Harry Vigors (5) 98**
2 (1) 51-550 **DIRECTOR'S CUT 40 (D)** R Burdon 9-12 ..... **Connor Planas 90**
3 (2) 523-412 **PHANTOM WATCH 43 (V;BF,D)** H Palmer 9-12 ..... **Liam Wright 97**
4 (3) 4-38915 **HOME HERO 2 (V;D)** H Palmer 9-11 ..... **Luke Catton ●99**
5 (7) 3255122 **SANDY CRAIC 10** D O'Meara 9-8 ..... **Conor Whiteley (3) 96**
6 (8) 555 **FOREVER ENDLESS** 32 K Frost 9-7 ..... non-runner 85
7 (6) 944-071 **SUNSHINE AND ROSES 18** J Channon 8-11 ..... **Rose Dawes 95**
8 (4) 8857868 **GOLDEN MABEL 8 (H)** L Williamson 8-7 ..... **Matthew Slater (5) 74**
BETTING: 2 Suggy, 3 Home Hero, 9-2 Sunshine And Roses, 5 Phantom Watch
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2
2025: Time After Time 8-7 Alec Voikhansky 13-2 (H Main) drawn 3, 9 ran.

PROBETS

EYECATCHER: TIGER (6.30 Ayr) had loads left in hand when scoring at Chester.
SUPER SPEED: GRACEFUL SONG (1.55 Newmarket) clocked a fast time when winning on debut here last time out.
GAMBLED ON: RAGGAAS (2.02 Redcar) was backed before finishing second at Salisbury latest.

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2.15 FILLIES MAIDEN HURDLE; 4-y-o; winner €7,200; 2m 1f. (12 runners)

1 BANNER BEAUTY F43 (T★) E Buckley 11-2.. K Buckley
2 8 CASHELDALE LASS 27 A Kinirons 11-2. C Smithers (7)
3 -216 TELL THE BOYS 61 (H) D Queally 11-2.. K Sexton
4 8- BABY PEARL 245 H Bromhead 10-8.. D O'Keeffe
5 47-0 BALLYHAHILL 29 (P★) G Elliott 10-8.. J Williamson (5)
6 60-3 FELICITY SMOAK 29 P Nolan 10-8.. A O'Sullivan (5)
7 10 KINGSIDE LADY 35 (BF) J McConnell 10-8.. A Harvey
8 -577 RIBADORA 1 E McCarthy 10-8.. G Noonan
9 00-C SHAKITA F32 (T★) T Mullins 10-8.. D Mullins
10 SONAS H Bromhead 10-8.. D Whelan (7)
11 STAYWITHERJOHNNY F58 C Murphy 10-8. K Healy (7)
12 WILLOWS WORD (T★) P Rooney 10-8.. A Balfe (7)
Tell The Boys ●99, Felicity Smoak 96, Ballyhahill 93.

9-4 Felicity Smoak, 10-3 Sonas, 4 Tell The Boys, 8 Ballyhahill, 11 Casheldale Lass, Baby Pearl, 14 Banner Beauty

2.50 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m 4f. (7 runners)

1 1F0- IT'S BOBSLED TIME 182 D Queally 4-11-12 Mr D Queally
2 PU-0 CAMINO ROCK 10 M Morris 9-11-11.. J Williamson (5)
3 -128 MORELL RIVER 25 (CD) C Bowe 6-11-9.. R Doyle
4 0-66 HARPY EAGLE 16 R Cody 5-11-7.. P Cody (7)
5 0-2D MARIAN AVENUE 72 C Byrnes 6-11-6.. P Byrnes
6 4-91 OCEAN MURPHY 16 (CD) P Rothwell 4-11-1 D O'Keeffe
7 56-0 ISDISTHEONE 90 (T★) D Queally 6-10-7.. K Healy (7)
Marian Avenue ●99, Ocean Murphy 98, Morell River 97.

13-8 Marian Avenue, 15-8 Ocean Murphy, 15-2 Morell River, 8 It's Bobsled Time, Harpy Eagle, 16 Isdistheone

Sun FORM

IT'S BOBSLED TIME (10-9) 9-1 always behind, not fluent at 2nd and pushed along, reminder 5th, never a factor, tailed off, 10th of 12 (well btn) to Jalon D'oudairies (11-12) (Naas 2f 7½m mdn hdle €7,200 soft to heavy).
CAMINO ROCK (11-3) 125-1 always towards rear, never a factor, 17th of 19 (btn 41l) to Mighty Berkshire (11-6) (Galway 2f 3½m hcap hdle €10,200 good).
MORELL RIVER (11-5) 4-1 chased leaders, lost place 3 out, ridden 2 out, no impression, 8th of 13 (btn 7¾l) to Tolka Row (10-8) (Downpatrick 2f 5½m hcap hdle €7,200 good).
OCEAN MURPHY (10-3) 9-1 led and disputed, headed 5th, tracked leader in 2nd until led again 4 out, 3 lengths clear when mistake last, stayed on well, bt Costanuci (10-11) 5¼l.
HARPY EAGLE (11-2) 10-1 held up towards rear, 8th 2 out, no impression, kept on same pace, 6th (btn 8¾l) (14 ran) (Wexford 2f¼m hcap hdle €7,200 good).
MARIAN AVENUE (11-9) 11-8 fav tracked leader, ran freely, headway to lead before 6th, edged left and bumped rival approaching 2 out, 5 lengths clear before last, ridden and kept on run-in, reduced advantage close home (disqualified, caused interference, placed last), bt Qaasid (11-12) 1¼l (15 ran) (Limerick 2f¼m hcap hdle €6,000 soft).
ISDISTHEONE (11-0) 66-1 rear of mid-division, progress into 4th after 4 out, pushed along entering straight, soon ridden and no extra, weakened 3 out, 10th of 15 (btn 38l) to Local News (11-2) (Cork 2m 3f mdn hdle €7,800 good).

3.25 BEGINNERS CHASE; winner €7,800; 2m 3f. (7 runners)

1 -U70 BEGGER 11 W Harvey 6-11-12.. B Harvey
2 -P75 JACKSON LAMB 11 (P★) J McConnell 7-11-12 A Harvey
3 1-03 NADIA'S BOY 39 (BF) W P Mullins 6-11-12.. P Townend
4 2342 SCALPNAGOON 29 (BF) G Elliott 6-11-12.. J Williamson (5)
5 76-3 WEST AWAY 17 P Collins 8-11-12.. P O'Brien (5)
6 72U5 WILLIAM TELL 11 D Kelly 7-11-12.. P Smithers (7)
7 37/ KELYA 513 E Mullins 6-11-5.. D Meyler
Nadia's Boy ●99, William Tell 98, Scalpnagoon 95.

6-5 Nadia's Boy, 7-2 William Tell, 13-2 Scalpnagoon, West Away, 10 Kelya, 12 Jackson Lamb, 33 Begger

4.00 HANDICAP CHASE; winner €7,200; 2m 3f. (9 runners)

1 -743 LEAVE IN SECRET 11 T Gibney 7-11-12.. J Smith (5)
2 0P-4 FREDDIE ROBDAL 56 (C) H Bromhead 9-11-11 D Power (7)
3 3-60 BEGGARS ROCK 6 (B) I Donoghue 7-11-10.. K Sexton
4 -23P TEQUILA TALKIN' 17 (H;BF) P Nolan 7-11-5 C Millar (5)
5 -8P2 CENTREOFATTENTION 17 (P★) E Bolger 7-11-4 A Kelly
6 -150 ONEFORGONZO 10 S Aherne 8-11-3 A McGuinness (7)
7 -07P TEMPTATIONINMILAN 22 E Courtney 10-10-10 R Doyle
8 -09P FOLLOWING ORDERS 22 (B★) P Rothwell 6-10-9 R Sugrue (7)
9 P00- AVEC ESPOIR 307 (C) V O'Brien 13-10-5.. C Hogan (5)
Freddie Robdal ●99, Beggars Rock 98, Leave In Secret 97.

5-2 Leave In Secret, 3 Freddie Robdal, 9-2 Tequila Talkin', 5 Beggars Rock, 11-2 Onefforgonzo, 11 Centreofattention

4.35 HANDICAP CHASE; winner €12,000; 3m 1f. (7 runners)

1 0-27 SPHAGNUM 27 (B;CD) J Broderick 9-11-12 Mr J P Sampson (7)
2 4-11 ROCKONLIAM 39 (C) H Bromhead 6-11-8.. D O'Keeffe
3 123P JACOVEC CAVERN 22 P Hennessy 7-11-6 R Condon (5)
4 8-51 RUE TAYLOR 39 (B;C) P Nolan 6-11-2.. E Staples (5)
5 5-12 TEENAGE KISS 39 C O'Dwyer 5-10-13.. C O'Dwyer (3)
6 -2P1 CEROC 17 (B;CD) A Slattery 8-10-12.. P Enright
7 F-P5 DUTY BOUND 39 (C) J Flavin 7-10-11.. D Meyler
Teenage Kiss ●99, Rockonliam 98, Ceroc 97.

9-4 Ceroc, 3 Rockonliam, 4 Teenage Kiss, Rue Taylor, 12 Jacovec Cavern, 20 Sphagnum, 25 Duty Bound

Sun FORM

SPHAGNUM (10-11) 15-2 towards rear, ridden and no impression after 3 out, kept on one pace behind, moderate 3rd last, 7th of 15 (btn 33l) to Wild Mandate (10-4) (Sligo 3½m hcap hdle €7,200 good).
ROCKONLIAM (11-12) evens fav mid-division, headway in 4th before 8th, 5th before 4 out, improved to 3rd before 3 out, travelled well to lead narrowly 2 out, asserted run-in, kept on well, comfortably, bt Ned In The Park (11-5) 4½l (14 ran) (Wexford 2m 3f beg ch €7,500 good).
JACOVEC CAVERN pulled up 1st, latest, earlier (11-1) 3-1 fav tracked leaders, went 2nd 3 out, ridden next, 4th at last, no extra, 3rd of 12 (btn 5½l) to Ad Caelum (10-8) (Kilbeggan 3m hcap hdle €15,000 good).

TEMPLEGATE

2.15 ..... Baby Pearl
2.50 ..... Ocean Murphy (nb)
3.25 ..... Nadia's Boy
4.00 ..... Leave In Secret
4.35 ..... Rockonliam
5.05 ..... Ballybrittas
5.35 ..... Honey Buck's

TOM PEPPER

2.15 ..... Tell The Boys
2.50 ..... Marian Avenue
3.25 ..... Scalpnagoon
4.00 ..... Tequila Talkin'
4.35 ..... Rue Taylor
5.05 ..... Solsbury Hill
5.35 ..... Alicious

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed undulating circuit of nearly 9 furlongs round with a short run-in. There are 5 fences and 4 hurdles per circuit. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): H De Bromhead 38-191, P Nolan 24-163, G Elliott 23-177, W P Mullins 22-110. THIS SEASON: H De Bromhead 6, P Nolan 4, W P Mullins 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): D J O'Keeffe 29-192, P T Enright 14-126, R A Doyle 8-50, B Harvey 7-66. THIS SEASON: D J O'Keeffe 5, R A Doyle 3, P T Enright 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Banner Beauty (2.15) trained at Meath. Round trip of 252 miles. ■JACKPOT: Races 3-6. PLACEPOT: Races 1-6. ■TRAINERFAX: H De Bromhead won the 5.05 in 2021 and 2022. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

RUE TAYLOR (11-5) 12-1 rear, under pressure after 9th, stayed on after 3 out, 3rd before 2 out, improved to 2nd after 2 out, closed last, kept on best to lead close home, bt **TEENAGE KISS** (11-7) 13-2 rear of mid-division, headway after 4 out, led after 3 out, increased lead 2 out, reduced advantage last, kept on run-in, headed close home, nk **DUTY BOUND** (11-6) 11-1 close up, 4th after 10th, no impression in 5th 2 out, no extra run-in, 5th (btn 31l) (12 ran) (Wexford 2m 7f cond hcap ch €8,400 good).
CEROC (10-10) 9-4 fav led, increased lead 2nd, reduced advantage 3rd, headed 5th where not fluent, led after 6th, asserted before 2 out, clear before last, eased closing stages, easily, bt Dorans Law (10-9) 11l (5 ran) (Wexford 3m 1f hcap ch €9,000 good).

5.05 HANDICAP CHASE; winner €9,000; 1m 7f 120yds. (7 runners)

1 90-U SOLSBURY HILL 39 C O'Dwyer 7-11-12.... C O'Dwyer (3)
2 1-68 BYNX F32 (CD) M Hassett 8-11-10.. S Ewing
3 932U NED IN THE PARK 11 T Doyle 7-11-7.. Mr D Doyle (7)
4 -432 LADY DOYANNE 17 H Bromhead 6-11-4.. D O'Keeffe
5 1-29 KILBRIN ROCCO 11 (D) E McCarthy 7-11-3.. G Noonan
6 4-51 BALLYBRITTAS 17 (CD) P Rothwell 7-11-2 R Sugrue (7)
7 F0/2 RIGHTFOLKSPLEASE 16 D Queally 8-10-8.. K Healy (7)
Lady Doyanne ●99, Rightfolksplease 98, Ballybrittas 97.

10-3 Ballybrittas, 4 Lady Doyanne, Rightfolksplease, 11-2 Bynx, Ned In The Park, 11 Solsbury Hill, Kilbrin Rocco

Sun FORM

SOLSBURY HILL unseated rider latest, earlier (10-4) 25-1 rear of mid-division, some headway after 4 out, pushed along and no impression early straight, no extra, 11th of 20 (btn 32l) to Addragoole (11-7) (Leopardstown 2m 1f hcap ch €18,000 yielding).
LADY DOYANNE (11-0) 10-3 fav tracked leaders, disputed lead briefly 4 out, headed next, disputed lead again before 2 out, headed after 2 out, 3rd at last, no extra, 3rd of 11 (btn 8l) to Femme Magnifique (11-1) **BYNX** (11-10) 15-2 rear of mid-division, ridden 2 out, no impression, 8th (btn 29l) (11 ran) (Tramore 1m 7f hcap ch €9,000 good).
NED IN THE PARK unseated rider latest, earlier (11-5) 14-1 rear, headway after 3 out, stayed on in 3rd last, kept on closing stages, not trouble winner, btn 4¼l by Rockonliam (11-12) (14 ran) (Wexford 2m 3f beg ch €7,500 good).
BALLYBRITTAS (10-3) 9-2 towards rear, took closer order after 4 out, led after 3 out, not fluent last, driven out run-in, bt **LADY DOYANNE** (10-13) 3-1 tracked leader, soon led, headed after 4th, lost place before 4 out, dropped to rear after 4 out, stayed on in 2nd before 2 out, kept on run-in, no impression on winner, 2¼l (7 ran) (Wexford 1m 7f cond hcap ch €10,200 good).
KILBRIN ROCCO (11-7) 25-1 hampered 1st, mid-division, 8th 3 out, no impression before straight, never a threat, 9th of 20 (btn 14l) to Tell Us This (11-7) **NED IN THE PARK** (11-4) 20-1 badly hampered and unseated rider 1st, (Galway 2¾m hcap ch €10,200 good).
RIGHTFOLKSPLEASE (11-5) 9-2 chased leaders, closed after 3 out, went 2nd and challenged before last, led under pressure before last, stayed on, headed last strides, btn nk by Esticky End (10-1) (12 ran) (Wexford 2m 1f hcap hdle €6,000 good).

5.35 FILLIES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT; 4-y-o; winner €6,601; 2m. (10 runners)

1 ALICIOUS W P Mullins 11-5.. Mr P Mullins
2 DANCING SYMBOL A Slattery 11-5.. Mr A Ryan (5)
3 HEE HILES T Walsh 11-5.. Mr L Shanahan (7)
4 8 HIGHLAND CALL 29 T Doyle 11-5.. Mr D Doyle (7)
5 2 HONEY BUCK'S 29 H Bromhead 11-5.. Mr J Gleeson
6 2 LA MULETA 92 P Rothwell 11-5.. Mr J Dunne (7)
7 P MISSES WOO 83 S Doyle 11-5.. Mr J Hendrick (7)
8 PROMETTEUSE W O'Doherty 11-5.. Mr L Kelleher (7)
9 SIERRA'S DREAM T McCourt 11-5.. Mr F Buckley (7)
10 THE LODGE LANE P Lawlor 11-5.. Mr H Swan
Honey Buck's ●99, La Muleta 90, Highland Call 77.

13-8 Honey Buck's, 15-8 Alicious, 6 Dancing Symbol, 8 Hee Hiles, 16 La Muleta, Sierra's Dream, 33 Highland Call

YOUR KEY TO THE COLOUR CARD

A B C D E F G H I J

7 4432-1 **HE'S A GOOD THING** 28 (BF;CD;T★)
M Dickinson 11-11-10 ..... John Francome 94
Runs: 24 Wins: 9 (4S,A,3GS,G) Places: 3 £829,1345 K
Great attitude, game win latest, battles, top jockey booked, solid each-way shot
M L

A.....Runner number
B.....Form figures (most recent run on right)
C.....Trainer
D.....Age
E.....Weight horse must carry
F.....Days since last race
G.....(BF) Beaten favourite on last run
H.....(CD) Course and distance winner
I.....(T) Wears a tongue-tie

ALSO: (C) Course winner, (D) Distance winner, (B) wears blinkers, (P) Wears cheekpieces, (H) Wears hood, (V) Wears visor, ★: Horse is wearing it for the first time in a race
J.....Sunrating handicap (●99 is top-rated)
K.....Prize-money won L.....Jockey
M.....Ground the horse has won on
(F - Firm ground, S - Soft ground, G - Good ground, GS -Good to soft ground, A - All-weather surface)

LINGFIELD AW TONIGHT

GOING: STANDARD

5.40 SAINT LUCIA LET HER INSPIRE YOU HANDICAP (Cl 6); value to the winner £3,768; 2m. (10 runners)

1 (1) /654-74 TROOPER 42 (B) N Mulholland 6-10-2.. Finley Marsh 85
2 (6) 74-3122 BALGOWAN 40 (BF,CD) S Mullins 7-10-1.. George Downing 97
3 (2) 10-5944 MAN OF THE SEA 24 (V) N Mulholland 10-9-10.. Taylor Fisher 90
4 (7) 69613 SI WHITE 9 (B★;BF) Sir M Prescott 3-9-5.. Luke Morris ●99
5 (5) 649-852 FEMME FATALE 33 (H) J Tate 3-9-5.. George Wood 95
6 (8) 5564600 SIR GRIFLET 9 D Cunha 3-8-13.. Callum Shepherd 73
7 (3) 0803 FABLED SPIRIT 8 A Watson 3-9-0.. Gina Mangan 92
8 (9) 7-7753 LAST FLIGHT 32 J Horton 3-8-13.. Jonny Peate 94
9 (10) 8698-5 OCTOBER SURPRISE 33 S West 3-8-6.. Tyler Heard 91
10 (4) 968 MAKE A SPLASH 19 T Ward 3-8-5.. Georgia Dobie 76
BETTING: 9-4 Balgowan, 5-2 Si White, 6 Femme Fatale, 13-2 Last Flight, 8 Fabled Spirit, 14 Man Of The Sea, 20 October Surprise, 25 Trooper, Make A Splash
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

Sunracing FORM

TROOPER (9-1) 28-1 chased leader, ridden 2f out, weakened, last of 4 (btn 12l) to Jack Langley (9-0) (Lingfield 1m 5f hcap (6) £3,768 good to firm).
BALGOWAN (9-7) 7-4 fav in rear, smooth headway well over 2f out, squeezed through between rivals to challenge 1f out, held final 110yds, btn nk by Break Point (8-4) (7 ran) (Kempton 2m hcap (6) £3,140 AW).
MAN OF THE SEA (9-12) 9-1 raced in third, outpaced 4f out, kept on one pace towards finish, 4th of 5 (btn 12l) to Campeona (9-6) (Bath 1¾m hcap (6) £3,454 firm).
SI WHITE (9-7) 5-4 fav prominent on outer, went second 2f out, kept on, no extra closing stages, 3rd of 12 (btn 1¼l) to Blue Tulip (9-3) **SIR GRIFLET** (9-7) 15-2 handy on inner, pushed along 3f out, soon outpaced, eased 1f out, last (well btn) (W'hampton 1¼m hcap (6) £3,768 AW).
FEMME FATALE (9-1) 9-1 prominent, took second over 2f out, chased winner 1f out, kept on, btn 4¼l by Home Secretary (9-3) **OCTOBER SURPRISE** (8-5) 33-1 midfield, some headway 1f out, kept on but no impression, 5th (btn 12l) (9 ran) (Lingfield 2m hcap (6) £3,454 AW).
FABLED SPIRIT (10-2) 17-2 keen, led, headed after 4f, pushed along over 2f out, soon outpaced, kept on, 3rd of 4 (btn 1l) to Belle Of Kt (10-6) (Bath 1¾m amat hcap (6) £3,278 firm).
LAST FLIGHT (8-9) 22-1 in rear, ridden and headway over 1f out, went third towards finish, never nearer, 3rd of 6 (btn ¼l) to V Power (9-9) (W'hampton 1¾m hcap (6) £3,454 AW).
MAKE A SPLASH (9-2) 200-1 rear of midfield, ridden over 3f out, always outpaced, 8th of 9 (well btn) to Castlemont (9-7) (Windsor 1¼m mdn (3) £6,480 good to firm).

6.10 HYATT INCLUSIVE HANDICAP (5) 3-Y-O; winner £4,397; 5f (6 runners)

1 052246 **CAREFREE DREAM 15 (D)**
(3) J Moore 9-6.. Taylor Fisher 93
Runs: 15 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 3 £19,052
Edging down weights and this easier than latest assignments, in hunt

2 347-32 **GUERNSEY LADY 65 (D)**
(2) P Evans 9-6.. John Egan 95
Runs: 13 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 4 £14,831
Commendable efforts this term, on dangerous-looking mark, player

3 63-337 **ARCTIC WIND 37**
(6) P Evans 9-5.. Callum Hutchinson 91
Runs: 7 Places: 2 £5,547
Coming down weights but underwhelming at Kempton latest, jury's out

4 009355 **WYLE COP 21 (B)**
(1) J Jones 9-5.. Jason Watson 89
Runs: 13 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £9,938
Upgrade in saddle but Donny last time was poor, needs bounce back

5 112258 **GO LOCKERS GO 8 (D)**
(5) M Bell 9-5.. Ross Coakley 94
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 2 £12,929
Started season well but gone slightly off boil of late, don't write him off

6 7-8411 **SUNLIT SEA 15 (B;D)**
(4) Sir M Prescott 9-4.. Luke Morris ●99
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 3 £11,794
Found her mojo in last month, wins at Lingers and Thirsk, up 3lb, fancied

BETTING: 5-4 Sunlit Sea, 5-2 Guernsey Lady, 6 Carefree Dream, 15-2 Go Lockers Go, 12 Wyle Cop, 14 Arctic Wind
WHERE FAVES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

Sunracing FORM

CAREFREE DREAM (8-12) 22-1 held up in rear, ridden 2f out, passed beaten rivals final furlong, never in contention, 6th of 9 (btn 3¾l) to Killavia (9-9) (Ascot 5f hcap (4) £13,425 good to firm).
GUERNSEY LADY (9-6) 7-2 midfield, ridden 2f out, headway to chase winner final furlong, kept on, not reach winner, btn 2l by Alkuwarrior (9-5) **ARCTIC WIND** (9-9) 5-1 took keen hold, held up in rear, ridden 2f out, kept on final furlong, went third inside final 110yds, 3rd (btn 3¼l) to Newcastle 5f hcap (5) £3,978 AW).
CAREFREE DREAM (9-7) 6-1 held up in rear, headway entering final furlong, faded inside final 110yds, 5th (btn 4¾l) (8 ran) (Ffos Las 5f hcap (5) £4,187 good to soft).
ARCTIC WIND (9-4) 16-1 prominent, pushed along over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 7th of 11 (btn 9¾l) to Aigeas (9-9) (Kempton 6f hcap (5) £4,187 AW).
WYLE COP (9-12) 10-1 towards rear, soon outpaced and pushed along, never involved, last of 5 (btn 10l) to J Street (9-11) (Doncaster 5f app hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
GO LOCKERS GO (9-4) 11-2 chased leaders, ridden over 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 8th of 12 (btn 4¾l) to Houndhill (9-5) (Newcastle 5f hcap (5) £3,978 AW).
SUNLIT SEA (9-8) 9-4 fav led, headed over 1f out, rallied and kept on strongly inside final furlong, all out and led towards finish, just prevailed, bt So Grateful (8-13) nk (9 ran) (Thirsk 5f app hcap (6) £3,140 good to firm).

6.40 BAY GARDENS HANDICAP (6) value to the winner £3,768; 1m 5f (7 runners)

1 613515 **V POWER 3**
(3) T Faulkner 6-10-2.. Zoe Lewis (7) 92
Runs: 19 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 3 £18,682
Three wins this year, 2m too far latest, goes well for this pilot, respected

2 5792 **SHOPAHOLIC 18**
(5) J Jones 4-10-2.. Jason Watson ●99
Runs: 4 Places: 1 £1,541
Much better on hcap bow/first staying test last time, 3lb rise fine, player

3 92-736 **ARTAVIAN 33 (V)**
(6) P Chamings 6-9-8.. Joe Leavy 90
Runs: 18 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 3 £10,981
Poor strike-rate, never got to grips with 2m latest, this trip better, squeak

4 9881 **HALIMEDE 4**
(2) Sir M Prescott 3-9-8(6lbex) Luke Morris 96
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) £4,004
Easy win up in trip/hcap bow at Catt on Tuesday, 6lb pen no barrier, fancied

5 645 **PARC DOSNE 22**
(4) M Crawley 3-9-5.. Kyle McHugh (7) 85
Runs: 3 £936
Beaten long way all starts, hcapper taking no chances, others preferred

6 -62224 **DARKEST RED 30**
(7) J Boyle 3-9-4.. Pat Cosgrave 97
Runs: 10 Places: 3 £6,314
Slack early pace no help latest, progressive beforehand, taken seriously

7 715166 **COSPICUA 58**
(1) J Tate 3-8-12.. George Wood 89
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (2A) £6,464
Kempton win in March but not so great last twice, has bit to prove now

BETTING: 6-4 Halimede, 11-4 Darkest Red, 4 Shopaholic, 10 V Power, 14 Parc Dosne, 16 Cospicua, Artavian
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1
2025: Autumn Breeze 4-9-8, A Lewis 4-7f (G & J Moore), drw 6, 7 ran.

TEMPLEGATE

5.40 ..... Si White
6.10 ..... Sunlit Sea
6.40 ..... Halimede
7.10 ..... Kanzi
7.40 ..... Tattie Bogle
8.10 ..... A Lott Of Kane

TOM PEPPER

5.40 ..... Last Flight
6.10 ..... Guernsey Lady
6.40 ..... Darkest Red
7.10 ..... Ozone Friendly
7.40 ..... Arantes Nascimento
8.10 ..... Just King High

■TIC-TAC: (AW) Left-handed all-weather Polytrack of 1m 2f, 2f run-in. (Turf) Left-handed undulating course of 1m 4f, 3f run-in, races up to 7f are run on the straight course. ■DRAW: Little effect. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): A Watson 43-290, S Dow 37-344, James Owen 32-168, C Johnston 31-232. THIS SEASON: James Owen 14, Sir M Prescott 7, J Boyle 7. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): L Morris 83-750, C Shepherd 38-285, Jason Watson 30-257, J Leavy 27-161. THIS SEASON: L Morris 23, J Leavy 8, C Hutchinson 6. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Kanzi (7.10) & Tattie Bogle (7.40) trained at Middleham. Round trip of 540 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

Sunracing FORM

V POWER (9-3) 12-1 mid-division, ridden over 2f out, kept on steadily from over 1f out, 5th of 8 (btn 4¾l) to Captain Robert (9-12) (Kempton 2m hcap (5) £4,187 AW).
SHOPAHOLIC (10-11) 9-1 slowly away, chased leaders 3f out, took second over 1f out, kept on but always held by winner towards finish, btn 1¾l by Zaraquelle (10-5) (11 ran) (W'hampton 1¼m amat hcap (6) £3,080 AW).
ARTAVIAN (10-2) 12-1 midfield, some headway 2f out, kept on, 6th of 9 (btn 16l) to Home Secretary (9-3) (Lingfield 2m hcap (6) £3,454 AW).
HALIMEDE (9-6) 9-4 took keen hold, in touch with leaders, pushed along 4f out, headway 3f out, led 2f out, kept on well over 1f out, pushed out, bt Hansteen (9-5) 5l (8 ran) (Catterick 1¾m hcap (6) £4,004 good to firm).
PARC DOSNE (8-13) 13-2 towards rear, pushed along 3f out, ridden over 2f out, always outpaced, 5th of 6 (btn 14l) to Livemore (9-4) (Newmarket 1m nov mdn (4) £5,154 good to firm).
DARKEST RED (8-12) 7-2 tracked leaders, outpaced over 2f out, plugged on but not pace to challenge, 4th of 5 (btn 2l) to Zurna (9-8) (Epsom 1¾m hcap (5) £4,449 good to firm).
DARKEST RED (9-5) 15-8 fav tracked leaders, led 2f out, headed near finish, btn ¾l by Tenison (9-4) **COSPICUA** (8-11) 14-1 held up in touch, ridden over 2f out, soon beaten, 6th (btn 13l) (8 ran) (Yarmouth 1m 3f hcap (6) £3,768 soft).

7.10 CALABASH COVE EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (4); 2-y-o; value to the winner £5,400; 1m. (7 runners)

1 (5) 70 AMETHYST STAR 26 E J-Houghton 9-2.. Callum Hutchinson 70
2 (3) 8 CHAISE LONGUE 30 E Dunlop 9-2.. Jason Watson 72
3 (7) 2 KANZI 12 C Johnston 9-2.. Callum Shepherd ●99
4 (2) 8 NORFOLK DREAM 26 W Knight 9-2.. Taylor Fisher 70
5 (4) OZONE FRIENDLY J Owen 9-2.. Harry Davies —
6 (6) SAFFRON BAY C Hills 9-2.. Rob Hornby —
7 (1) 7 SENORITA LUNA 18 M Botti 9-2.. Benoit Sayette 74
BETTING: 6-5 Kanzi, 4 Ozone Friendly, Saffron Bay, 12 Chaise Longue, Senorita Luna, Amethyst Star, 14 Norfolk Dream
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 1 1
2025: Just A Girl 2-9-2 Pat Cosgrave 4-5f (C Johnston) drawn 2, 7 ran.

7.40 HEWANORRA HANDICAP (4) value to the winner £5,653; 7f (7 runners)

1 -08432 **HUSCAL 24**
(6) C Hills 4-10-0.. Jason Watson ●99
Runs: 17 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 4 £40,833
No disgrace over C&D latest, mark unchanged, repeat and in the mix

2 -16180 **PORT ROAD 28 (CD)**
(7) S Dow 5-9-11.. Harry Davies 91
Runs: 23 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 7 £27,491
C&D win three starts back off 2lb lower, tougher tasks last twice, threat

3 387559 **ROGUE SUPREMACY 25**
(3) A Watson 3-9-9.. Luke Morris 93
Runs: 16 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £29,292
Hasn't hit top gear this season, step up to 7f not certain to suit, down list

4 271226 **ARANTES NASCIMENTO 28 (D)**
(2) M Attwater 5-9-8.. Benoit Sayette 96
Runs: 27 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 12 £33,226
Holding his form well, possibly tad too high in hcap but still respected

5 321272 **TATTIE BOGLE 19 (P★;D)**
(1) C Johnston 4-9-7.. Callum Shepherd 95
Runs: 28 Wins: 3 (A,2G) Places: 11 £39,187
Rarely runs bad race, staying on at Beverley latest, c'pieces on, danger

6 575547 **RED HAT EAGLE 28 (C)**
(4) W Knight 6-9-5.. Taylor Fisher 89
Runs: 26 Wins: 4 (F,3A) Places: 8 £38,680
Four career wins all over 1m but no disgrace over 7f last twice, shortlist

7 3-4215 **BOLD SUITOR 59 (CD)**
(5) C Benton 9-9-4.. Georgia Dobie 92
Runs: 36 Wins: 8 (8A) Places: 11 £54,521
Won by nostril C&D in April, creditable effort off revised mark latest, go well

BETTING: 5-2 Huscal, 7-2 Tattie Bogle, 11-2 Arantes Nascimento, 13-2 Bold Suitor, Red Hat Eagle, 8 Rogue Supremacy, 10 Port Road
WHERE FAVES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

Sunracing FORM

HUSCAL (9-4) 4-1 led, headed final 110yds, held by winner, btn 1¼l by Desert Shadow (9-5) (4 ran) (Lingfield 1m hcap (3) £7,956 good to firm).
ARANTES NASCIMENTO (9-11) 10-1 in touch with leaders, ridden over 2f out, kept on same pace, 6th of 17 (btn 2¼l) to Lunario (9-5) **RED HAT EAGLE** (9-9) 12-1 midfield, headway over 1f out, nearest finish, 7th (btn 2½l) **PORT ROAD** (9-12) 40-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, kept on, no danger, 12th (btn 6¾l) (17 ran) (Ascot 7f hcap (4) £13,085 good to firm).
ROGUE SUPREMACY (9-9) 9-1 raced towards rear, never a factor, 9th of 10 (btn 6¼l) to Jungle Drums (10-3) (W'hampton 6f hcap (4) £5,234 AW).
TATTIE BOGLE (8-13) 9-2 midfield, ridden to chase winner over 1f out, kept on same pace, btn 2l by It Just Takes Time (9-5) (4 ran) (Beverley 7f hcap (4) £6,621 good to firm).
BOLD SUITOR (9-5) 11-1 mid-division, headway over 2f out, no extra inside final 110 yards, 5th of 11 (btn 4¾l) to Havana Touch (9-1) (Kempton 1m hcap (5) £4,187 AW).

8.10 RODNEY BAY CLASSIFIED STAKES (6); value to the winner £3,454; 6f. (10 runners)

1 (5) 3921451 A LOTT OF KANE 9 (D) C Banham 3-9-11.. Joey Haynes 98
2 (6) 7216657 DR ALI 32 (V★;D) J Jenkins 4-9-9.. Jonny Peate 89
3 (8) 0630695 EDERGOLE'S GIFT 17 (B;C,D) C Allen 5-9-9.. George Wood 94
4 (1) 4919987 HENRY TUDOR 25 (D) M Hoad 4-9-9.. Luke Morris 91
5 (10) 4-64976 HORUS 60 (CD) M Attwater 4-9-9.. James Glennon (7) 89
6 (3) 2283456 JUST KING HIGH 40 (B) R Burdon 4-9-9.. Callum Shepherd 87
7 (9) 3-87476 RAINBOW SORBET 25 (V) J & S Best 4-9-9.. Finley Marsh 88
8 (2) 3607304 ROMAN SPRING 18 (C,D) R Cook & J Bridger 6-9-9.. Joe Leavy ●99
9 (7) 9960458 MUSIC AND SONG 19 D Flood 3-9-5.. John Egan 74
10 (4) 0-00 PAINT YOUR PALETTE 60 J Osborne 3-9-5.. William Carver 70
BETTING: 11-10 A Lott Of Kane, 7 Edergole's Gift, Roman Spring, 10 Dr Ali, Henry Tudor, 12 Rainbow Sorbet, Horus, Just King High
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 2
2025: Colorada Dancer 4-9-9 Robert Havlin 7-2 (K Jewell) drawn 1, 7 ran.

EACH-WAY THIEF

HERMETIC (2.10 Ascot) ran well in the Northumberland Vase last time and stays strongly. Have an each-way double with INSANITY (2.45 Ascot) who won this race two years ago and has been given a little break by trainer Alan King.

Favourite YET MORE COLOURS, TIPS AND SUPER

REDCAR COLOURS & FORM

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD)

TEMPLEGATE

2.02.....Yimmna
2.37.....Saxon Grace
3.12.....Frankies Dream
3.47.Democracy Dilemma
4.19.....Doralee
4.57.....Newport
5.31.....French Affair

TOM PEPPER

2.02.....Raggaas
2.37...Here Comes Louie
3.12 Gorgeous Mr George
3.47.Democracy Dilemma
4.19.....Doralee
4.57.....Newport
5.31.....Brave Traveller

TIC-TAC: Left-handed galloping, oval track of 1m 6f, round course joins the straight just over 5f from the finish.
DRAW: Middle to high numbers have a decided advantage on the straight course
FAVS: (2021-2026): 219 have won out of 671 races (32.6%).
LIVE ON RACING TV

HOT 'N NOT

TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: J Candlish 7 from 23; K Frost 3 from 12; E Bethell 6 from 29; W Haggas 10 wins from 50 runners; S & E Crisford 4 from 21; N Tinkler 5 from 27; I Jardine 4 from 24; D Cunha 3 from 33.
JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days: C Fallon 10 wins from 40 rides; Oisin Orr 5 wins from 25; S D Bowen 5 wins from 25; T Kiely-Marshall 4 wins from 22; A Jary 3 wins from 21; M Winn 2 wins from 19; Taryn Langley 2 wins from 20.
TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: S France 84; D Shaw 40.
JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: A Elliott 108; D Fentiman 42.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 T Easterby 49-565, D O'Meara 34-224, N Tinkler 22-198, E Bethell 20-90, W Haggas 15-60, R Fell 12-40, K Ryan 12-107, P Midgley 9-85, J Camacho 8-99, M & D Easterby 8-150. **THIS SEASON:** D O'Meara 7, N Tinkler 5, T Easterby 5, R Fell 4.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 D Allan 31-299, Oisin Orr 17-105, D Nolan 15-133, M Winn 13-64, C Fallon 11-40, A Jary 10-68, J Mason 10-124, T Eaves 9-145, R Sexton 8-70, S Gray 8-115. **THIS SEASON:** C Fallon 4, O Orr 3, Shane Gray 3, A Jary 2.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 312 Chesneys Charm G Tuer to I Tutado; **3.47 Fidelius** R Cowell to N Tinkler; **419 Ellie's De Vega** N Wilson to P Kirby.
RACEFAX: T Easterby won the 2.37 in 2023, 2024 & 2025.
LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Vastern (2.02) trained by Adam Kirby, Kirtling, round trip of 448 miles; **Gorgeous Mr George** (3.12) trained by D Cunha, Newmarket, round trip of 438 miles; **Democracy Dilemma** (3.47) trained by R Cowell, Newmarket, round trip of 438 miles; **Raggaas** (2.02) trained by S & E Crisford, Newmarket, round trip of 438 miles; **Yimmna** (2.02) trained by W Haggas, Newmarket, round trip of 438 miles.

IN THE MONEY

MONEY TALKS: Dubai Venture (4.57) opened 5-1 second at 10-3; **Illy's Roo** (3.12) opened 9-2 unplaced at 7-2; **Yimmna** (2.02) opened 11-4 second at 9-4.
TOP EARNERS: 3.47 **Democracy Dilemma** £245,057; 3.47 **Spring Is Sprung** £101,779; 3.47 **Rosenpur** £96,284.

UNDER ORDERS

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: 5.31 Bleep Test. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** 3.12 Harry The Rogue; 4.57 Spooky Wooky.
FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Chesneys Charm (3.12).
WEIGHTWATCHER: 3.12 **Chesneys Charm** (won off 72 down 4lb to 68); **Nyman** (won off 78 down 5lb to 73); **Vince Le Prince** (won off 73 down 7lb to 66); 3.47 **Democracy Dilemma** (won off 99 down 4lb to 95).
JOB JOCKEY: C Fallon rides **Yimmna** (2.02) for W Haggas, 208 from 902, 23%.

2.02 WATCH RACING TV IN STUNNING HD MAIDEN STAKES (Class 4); value to the winner £5,400; 7f.(8 runners)

1 (3) 25-9344 **WAR AND LOVE 8** B Ellison 4-9-8.....**Ben Robinson 93**
2 (1) **KHANIMAMBO** D & N Barron 3-9-7.....**David Nolan —**
3 (7) 442 **RAGGAAS 14** S & E Crisford 3-9-7.....**Oisin Orr 98**
4 (6) 23 **VASTERN 22 (BF)** A Kirby 3-9-7.....**Tom Eaves ●99**
5 (2) 6 **BOWIE LASS 10** N Tinkler 3-9-2.....**Alex Jary (3) 85**
6 (5) 3677060 **MAGIC LADY MAE 7** L Mullaney 3-9-2.....**Darragh Keenan 82**
7 (4) **SUNTINO LADY** D & N Barron 3-9-2.....**William Pyle —**
8 (8) 72 **YIMMNA 43** W Haggas 3-9-2.....**Cieren Fallon 97**

BETTING: 7-4 Yimmna, 3 Raggaas, 9-2 Vastern, 10 War And Love, 12 Khanimambo, Suntino Lady, 16 Magic Lady Mae, 20 Bowie Lass
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3
2025: Monsieur Bondy 3-9-7 P J McDonald 3-1 (G Oldroyd) drawn 7, 8 ran.

2.37 CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF ANN ALLPORT HCAP (6) 3-Y-O; £3,140; 1m (8 runners)

1 5560 **ICE SHOW 41 (H)**
(1) D O'Meara 9-9 ..... **Mark Winn 83**
Runs: 4 Fine pedigree but failed to make an impact in four runs, needs more

2 89-5 **MISS POTOMAC 151**
(2) K Ryan 9-9 ..... **Oisin Orr 91**
Runs: 3 Represents a top stable, demands respect if fit after break, watch market

3 1-4246 **DALAMARA 51 (D)**
(5) B Haslam 9-9 ..... **Cam Hardie 96**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £6,449
AW hcp win at Newcastle in Dec, return to 1m will help, dangerous

4 746403 **SAXON GRACE 7**
(8) D Bourke 9-6 ..... **Shane Gray 98**
Runs: 14 Places: 2 £3,506
Close 3rd at Hamilton recently, a 2lb rise may well underestimate her

5 7-0665 **ITSZABOY 5**
(7) N Tinkler 9-6 ..... **Alex Jary (3) 93**
Runs: 7 £214
Ran better at Ripon this week (5th), looks vulnerable to progressive types

6 0-8622 **HERE COMES LOUIE 2**
(4) R Fell 9-5 ..... **Joanna Mason 97**
Runs: 5 Places: 1 £1,719
Only just beaten by Park Lane Penny at Thirsk last month, major player

7 69821 **PARK LANE PENNY 23 (D)**
(6) I Furtado 9-5 ..... **Tom Eaves ●99**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £5,383
Classified win at Thirsk, entitled to the utmost respect on this hcp debut

8 -54247 **DIAMOND AURA 12**
(3) T Easterby 9-0 ..... **David Allan 95**
Runs: 9 Places: 1 £3,334
Consistent performer at this level, below par at Ripon last month, shortlist

BETTING: 3 Saxon Grace, 7-2 Park Lane Penny, 4 Here Comes Louie, 9-2 Dalamara, 15-2 Diamond Aura, 10 Itszaboy, 12 Miss Potomac
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 3 3
2025: Marry The Night 9-9, Harry Russell 6-1 (T Easterby), drawn 8, 7 ran.

Sunracing FORM

ICE SHOW (9-2) 22-1 midfield, outpaced 2f out, weakened quickly inside final furlong, 10th of 11 (btn 18l) to Hautelace Ice (8-11) (W'hampton 1m 1f mdn (4) £5,400 AW).
MISS POTOMAC (9-2) 200-1 in touch, ridden 2f out, faded, 5th of 7 (btn 12l) to Always Happy (9-2) (Southwell 1m 3yo fll nov stks (4) £5,400 AW).
DALAMARA (9-7) 13-2 took keen hold, raced in last, always behind, last of 6 (btn 14l) to Mountbatten (9-9) (Southwell 1½m hcap (6) £3,245 AW).
SAXON GRACE (8-13) 11-1 in rear, pushed along final furlong, ran on, 3rd of 8 (btn ½l) to Pisanello (9-7) (Hamilton 1m 1f hcp (6) £3,664 good).
ITSZABOY (8-7) 25-1 mid-division, pushed along over 3f out, weakened 2f out, 5th of 7 (9½l) to Amber Hamur (9-4) (Ripon 1m hcp (6) £3,664 good).
PARK LANE PENNY (9-1) 11-2 in rear, headway 1f out, led inside final furlong, ran on well, bt **HERE COMES LOUIE** (9-1) 20-1 in touch with leaders, repeatedly denied clear run final furlong, ran on well but not reach winner, sh hd (13 ran) (Thirsk 1m cls stks (6) £3,664 good to firm).
DIAMOND AURA (8-9) 6-1 chased leaders, not much room 3f out, weakened over 1f out, last of 7 (btn 12l) to Riddikulus (8-10) (Ripon 1½m app hcap (6) £3,664 good to firm).

3.12 MARSKE FABRICATIONS STRAIGHT MILE HCAP (4) winner £5,234; 1m (14 runners)

1 888114 **GORGEOUS MR GEORGE 24 (D)**
(1) D Cunha 4-10-4. ..... **Taryn Langley (5) ●99**
Runs: 24 Wins: 5 (4F,GS) Places: 7 £38,501
Drop to 7f didn't suit latest, 1m better, on career-high mark but go close

2 332378 **FRANKIES DREAM 14 (H)**
(12) J Candlish 4-10-2 ..... **Sean D Bowen 96**
Runs: 29 Wins: 6 (F,4A,G) Places: 10 £64,077
No disgrace at Ascot last month, this easier and eased 2lb, big player

3 209061 **CAPITAL GUARANTEE 23 (D)**
(10) D O'Meara 6-10-1 ..... **Mark Winn 97**
Runs: 39 Wins: 7 (4F,3G) Places: 4 £60,961
Game to win at Thirsk latest, 4lb rise not insurmountable, taken seriously

4 25-102 **PALADIN 29 (CD)**
(5) K Frost 5-10-1. ..... **William Pyle 95**
Runs: 21 Wins: 5 (S,2F,2A) Places: 2 £35,462
Not beaten far at Ascot latest, go well but little margin for error in mark

5 -87522 **MR MISTOFFELEES 14 (T★;D)**
(11) S England 6-9-12 ... **Jonathan England 98**
Runs: 33 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 11 £46,656
No disgrace AW latest but often flatters to deceive, tongue-tie on, threat

6 324900 **HARRY THE ROGUE 43 (V★;D)**
(14) S Hanlon 5-9-12 ..... **Tom Eaves 88**
Runs: 37 Wins: 2 (G) Places: 15 £47,481
Started season well but regressed of late, visor needs to work oracle

7 342125 **AMIDST THE CHAOS 20 (BF,D)**
(13) N Tinkler 4-9-11. ..... **Alex Jary (3) 87**
Runs: 14 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 3 £19,894
Was in good form but latest effort here below par, needs bounce back

8 644064 **NYMAN 20**
(7) R Fell 4-9-9 ..... **Cieren Fallon 92**
Runs: 21 Wins: 2 (A,GS) Places: 3 £29,739
Signs of encouragement C&D latest, build on that and he's in the mix

9 -12241 **WELBURY 32 (D)**
(6) E Bethell 3-9-8 ..... **Oisin Orr 97**
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 2 £16,544
Off mark on turf at Ponte last time, 5lb rise is fair, thereabouts again

10 877715 **ILLY'S ROO 15 (D)**
(3) G Tutty 3-9-7 ..... **Joanna Mason 89**
Runs: 15 Wins: 4 (F,2A,G) Places: 1 £31,167
Taking win at York and better than finishing position at Ascot latest, e-w

11 3716-9 **SEA THE POWER 91 (D)**
(2) S Spencer 3-9-6. ..... **Dale Swift 85**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (GS) £5,074
Ayr novice winner at two but well beaten in two hcaps latest, down list

12 232333 **BARLEY 14 (D)**
(4) T Easterby 7-9-5. ..... **David Allan 95**
Runs: 52 Wins: 3 (2F,GS) Places: 16 £91,615
On long losing run but been hitting woodwork lately, go well but vulnerable

13 48-760 **CHESNEYS CHARM 104**
(8) I Furtado 4-9-4 ..... **Darragh Keenan 87**
Runs: 22 Wins: 4 (3A,G) Places: 2 £44,277
Struggling this year, has had wind op and change of stables, best watched

14 275302 **VINCE LE PRINCE 17 (BF,C)**
(9) T Easterby 6-9-2. ..... **Duran Fentiman 90**
Runs: 45 Wins: 5 (2S,2F,G) Places: 12 £49,236
Went down swinging at Catterick (7f) latest, first go at 1m, interesting

BETTING: 9-2 Welbury, 13-2 Gorgeous Mr George, Frankies Dream
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2 4 1 3-6
2025: Paladin 4-9-8, Oliver Stammers 9-2 (C Johnston), drawn 2, 9 ran.

Sunracing FORM

GORGEOUS MR GEORGE (9-13) 7-2 in rear, ridden 2f out, kept on one pace, 4th of 6 (3½l) to Tryst (9-5) (Yarmouth 7f hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
FRANKIES DREAM (8-4) 18-1 towards rear, ridden 3f out, kept on, 8th of 11 (btn 3½l) to Hickory (9-1) (Ascot 1m hcp (2) £30,924 good to firm).
CAPITAL GUARANTEE (9-4) 15-2 raced in 2nd, pressed leader 1f out, all out, bt Military Leader (9-4) nk **BARLEY** (9-2) 9-2 in 3rd, chased leading pair final furlong, no extra, 3rd (2l) (6 ran) (Thirsk 1m hcp (5) £4,711 good to firm).
PALADIN (9-9) 10-1 in 2nd, led 1f out, headed final 110yds, kept on, btn 1½l by Best Rate (9-11) (8 ran) (Ascot 1m app hcap (4) £13,085 good to firm).
MR MISTOFFELEES (9-7) 9-1 in rear, ridden final furlong, nearest finish, btn 2l by Fantastic Fox (9-13) (12 ran) (Newcastle 1m hcap (4) £5,653 AW).
HARRY THE ROGUE (10-0) 17-2 prominent, ridden 2f out, faded, 13th of 14 (13l) to Racingbreaks Ryder (9-13) (Newcastle 1m hcp (4) £5,757 AW).
NYMAN (9-13) 5-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, no impression 1f out, 4th of 7 (btn 6½l) to Rajapour (9-9) **AMIDST THE CHAOS** (9-13) 2-1 fav prominent, ridden 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 5th (btn 6½l) (7 ran) (Redcar 1m hcap (5) £4,711 good to firm).
WELBURY (9-6) 3-1 jt fav led, headway 1f out, ran on well final furlong, bt Harswell Ruby (9-11) ½l (9 ran) (Pontefract 1m hcp (5) £5,234 good).
ILLY'S ROO (9-7) 7-2 midfield, progress 1f out, short of room final 110yds, 5th of 11 (btn 3l) to Tex (9-3) (Ascot 7f hcap (4) £13,425 good to firm).
SEA THE POWER (9-4) 66-1 tracked leaders, pushed along 3f out, faded, 9th of 10 (13l) to Mohaaraj (9-4) (Haydock 1m hcap (4) £6,281 good).
BARLEY (8-12) 25-1 mid-division, headway 2f out, kept on, 3rd of 15 (2½l) to Dwindling Funds (9-6) (York 1m hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).
CHESNEYS CHARM (9-4) 16-1 in rear, effort 2f out, never involved, 11th of 12 (btn 8½l) to Hale End (9-7) (Wetherby 1m hcap (5) £4,187 good to firm).
VINCE LE PRINCE (9-13) 10-3 fav prominent, ridden 3f out, led over 1f out, no extra and headed, btn nk by Wise Crack (9-5) (8 ran) (Catterick 7f hcap (6) £4,187 good to firm).

3.47 EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV HCAP (3) winner £8,100; 5f (5 runners)

1 309604 **DEMOCRACY DILEMMA 11 (V;D)**
(1) R Cowell 6-10-0 ..... **Tom Eaves ●99**
Runs: 44 Wins: 8 (F,2S,2A,GS,2G) Places: 8 £245,057
4th in a better race at Goodwood last month, 1lb lower here, leading claims

2 474320 **SPRING IS SPRUNG 11 (D)**
(3) P Midgley 7-9-3 ..... **David Nolan 98**
Runs: 38 Wins: 8 (3F,3A,2G) Places: 4 £101,779
2nd at York off this mark two starts ago, conditions suit, should be in the mix

3 212560 **FIDELIUS 43 (D)**
(5) N Tinkler 5-9-3 ..... **Alex Jary (3) 90**
Runs: 28 Wins: 6 (6A) Places: 7 £62,002
In fine form on AW earlier this year, still on a fair mark, this tougher

4 615649 **ROSENPUR 14 (H;D)**
(4) J Candlish 6-9-0. ..... **Darragh Keenan 92**
Runs: 42 Wins: 6 (3A,3G) Places: 15 £96,284
Chester win in May, nearly back to that winning mark, watch market

5 869822 **SPORTS COACH 14 (D)**
(2) A Brittain 5-8-10 ..... **Cam Hardie 95**
Runs: 20 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 5 £36,825
2nd in large field at York last month, handles fast ground, major threat

BETTING: 11-10 Democracy Dilemma, 3 Spring Is Sprung, 4 Sports Coach
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1
2025: Fluorescence 3-9-2, Oisin Orr 9-4 Fav (E Bethell), drawn 6, 9 ran.

Sunracing FORM

DEMOCRACY DILEMMA (9-4) 22-1 led, pushed along 2f out, kept on, headed over 110yds out, no extra, 4th of 23 (btn 1½l) to Twilight Calls (8-12) **SPRING IS SPRUNG** (8-7) 50-1 close up, pushed along 2f out and dropped away, 16th (btn 4½l) (Goodwood 5f hcp (2) £38,655 good).
FIDELIUS (9-3) 28-1 prominent, shaken up 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 13th of 14 (btn 7l) to Al Shabab Storm (9-7) (Newcastle 5f hcp (2) £30,924 AW).
ROSENPUR (9-12) 12-1 prominent, pushed along 1f out, weakened, 9th of 11 (btn 2½l) to Aces Wild (9-1) (Chester 5f hcp (4) £7,731 good).
SPORTS COACH (11-7) 9-2 chased leaders, ridden 1f out, kept on, btn 1½l by Kodiac Thriller (11-12) (17 ran) (York 5f hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).

4.19 MARKET CROSS JEWELLERS CLASSIFIED STAKES (6) winner £3,140; 5f (8 runners)

1 77-623 **BRAVE BOB 33**
(3) J Camacho 4-9-9 ..... **Cam Hardie 92**
Runs: 12 Places: 2 £2,750
2nd at Newcastle in Jan, danger if allowed to front-run, place claims

2 006-03 **BUST A MOON 8 (H;D)**
(8) D Shaw 4-9-9 ..... **Darragh Keenan 90**
Runs: 22 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 4 £11,148
Ex-Ian McInnes, 3rd in Woverhampton Classified race in July, needs more

3 694423 **DORALEE 4 (BF,CD)**
(1) D & N Barron 5-9-9 ..... **David Nolan 98**
Runs: 24 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 5 £13,572
Consistent performer, beaten-fav 3rd in Catterick hcap this week, player

4 487083 **LET'S GO HUGO 14 (D)**
(4) O Pears 6-9-9 ..... **Harry Russell ●99**
Runs: 50 Wins: 4 (F,3A) Places: 12 £38,196
3rd in Newcastle AW hcap last month, conditions suit, major claims

5 0-6624 **PINPOINT 25 (D)**
(2) S France 5-9-9 . **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 95**
Runs: 32 Wins: 3 (GS,2G) Places: 7 £21,024
Decent hcap runs at Brighton and Beverley last two starts, shortlist

6 164870 **UP THE MONK 38**
(5) M Appleby 4-9-9 ..... **Tom Eaves 85**
Runs: 22 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 3 £12,622
Chelmsford Classified win in Jan, not shown anything since, needs revival

7 343352 **ELLIE'S DE VEGA 14 (B;BF)**
(7) P Kirby 3-9-6. ..... **Cieren Fallon 97**
Runs: 12 Places: 5 £7,616
Newcastle 2nd last month, makes plenty of appeal at these weights, shortlist

8 346792 **GWEN TENNYSON 4**
(6) G Tutty 3-9-6. ..... **William Pyle 96**
Runs: 8 Places: 1 £3,577
Good Catterick 2nd this week, conditions suit, leading contender

BETTING: 3 Doralee, 4 Ellie's De Vega, Gwen Tennyson, 6 Let's Go Hugo
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 4 1 8
2025: Doralee 4-9-6, William Pyle 6-1 (D & N Barron), drawn 5, 10 ran.

4.57 REMEMBERING CHRISTINE AND COLIN BROWN HCAP (6) £3,140; 1m 6f (10 run)

1 1/321- **BUXTED REEL J32 (D)**
(9) T Lacey 7-10-2 ..... **Darragh Keenan 98**
Runs: 31 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 9 £30,906
Fair efforts over hdles of late, this first Flat start since Oct (AW win), threat

2 400/54 **NEWPORT 15 (B)**
(3) I Jardine 6-10-0. ..... **Oisin Orr 97**
Runs: 9 Places: 1 £5,235
Yet to win on level but no disgrace York latest, more of same and player

3 807310 **NANNY PARK 15**
(7) S Ender 4-9-13 ..... **Ryan Sexton 95**
Runs: 17 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 2 £17,500
Behind Newport latest, but Donny win previously gives him shout here

4 2-3266 **SARATOGA GOLD 35 (D)**
(8) K Frost 8-9-13 ..... **William Pyle 92**
Runs: 54 Wins: 8 (2F,2A,4G) Places: 9 £77,306
Has back form but poor both starts for this yard, jury's out at present

5 7236-7 **SPOOKY WOOKY 34 (T★,V★)**
(2) S West 4-9-11. ..... **Andrew Elliott 86**
Runs: 7 Places: 2 £3,157
Has shown ability but form regressing, assorted headgear on, avoid

6 343461 **BILLY BATHGATE 20 (CD)**
(10) E Whillans 10-9-8 ..... **David Nolan ●99**
Runs: 58 Wins: 6 (3F,3A) Places: 14 £54,218
Good here (2m) latest but has never won back-to-back in long career, risky

7 2-2612 **DUBAI VENTURE 15**
(1) T Jackson 5-9-8 ..... **Joanna Mason 96**
Runs: 15 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 4 £19,092
Ponte winner, ran into one at Thirsk latest, mileage in mark, respected

8 0664-5 **TIME TWISTER 16**
(6) M & D Easterby 3-8-9 **Lewis Chalkley (7) 93**
Runs: 6 £638
Latest two runs (1m2f) suggested step up in trip was required, sneaky one

9 5-5437 **GEMICAL 58 (H★,V)**
(5) R Menzies 3-8-7 ..... **Amie Waugh (3) 85**
Runs: 7 £1,998
Yet to set world alight (incl. first go at 1m6f latest), others preferred

10 85507 **GALISTRA 16**
(4) A Brown 3-8-5. . **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 83**
Runs: 5 £734
Six-figure yearling but has shown little in way of talent, look elsewhere

BETTING: 10-3 Newport, 7-2 Buxted Reel, 5 Billy Bathgate, Nanny Park, 6 Dubai Venture, 8 Time Twister, 12 Saratoga Gold
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 3 5 5 1
2025: Spectacular Style 5-9-13, Luke Morris 5-4 Fav (I Williams), drawn 4, 6 ran.

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BUXTED REEL (10-1) 7-2 in rear, ridden 2 out, rallied final furlong, bt Skimming Along (9-11) nk (6 ran) (Chelmsford 1¼m hcp (6) £3,664 AW).
NEWPORT (8-6) 9-1 mid-division, ridden 2f out, one pace, 4th of 13 (3l) to Vaguely Royal (8-12) **NANNY PARK** (8-1) 33-1 chased leaders, pushed along 2f out, soon beaten, 11th (15l) (York 2m hcp (4) £12,885 good to firm).
SARATOGA GOLD (9-8) 10-3 towards rear, ridden 3f out, weakened, last of 6 (14l) to Chambers (9-5) (Nottingham 1¾m hcap (6) £3,402 good to firm).
SPOOKY WOOKY (9-5) 20-1 always towards rear, last of 7 (well btn) to Senor Cortez (9-12) (Southwell 1¾m hcap (5) £4,711 AW).
BILLY BATHGATE (9-6) evs fav midfield, ridden 1f out, kept on well, bt Stitching Wheel (9-4) 3½l (4 ran) (Redcar 2m hcp (6) £3,402 good to firm).
DUBAI VENTURE (9-2) 10-3 in 2nd, ridden 2f out, ran on final furlong, btn 6l by Sixty Plus (9-9) (5 ran) (Thirsk 1¾m hcap (6) £3,402 good to firm).
TIME TWISTER (8-6) 28-1 near rear, outpaced 2f out, faded, 5th of 6 (47½l) to Shadow Brigade (9-4) (Doncaster 1¼m hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
GEMICAL (8-12) 20-1 prominent, pushed along 4f out, lost touch, 7th of 8 to Song Of The Stars (8-11) (Nottingham 1¾m hcap (6) £3,926 soft).
GALISTRA (9-7) 200-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 7th of 10 (btn 8l) to Si White (9-7) (Southwell 1m 3f hcap (6) £3,664 AW).

5.31 WATCH RACE REPLAYS ON RACING TV HCAP (5) 3-Y-O; £3,664; 6f (7 runners)

1 542461 **FRENCH AFFAIR 10 (D)**
(5) J Candlish 9-13. ..... **Sean D Bowen ●99**
Runs: 14 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 3 £43,213
Overcame trouble in Goodwood win, 4lb rise may not be enough to stop him, player

2 139230 **SPACE BEAR 15 (D)**
(7) M Appleby 9-9 ..... **Cieren Fallon 95**
Runs: 14 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 4 £19,386
Having good season but poor at York last time, drop in class will suit, shortlist

3 -61352 **MASABAN 31 (BF)**
(1) E Bethell 9-3. ..... **Oisin Orr 98**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £7,593
2nd & btn fav at Catterick last month, conditions suit, leading claims

4 34-080 **BLEEP TEST 14 (B★;CD)**
(3) T Easterby 9-2 ..... **David Allan 85**
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £21,823
C&D win in May '25, out of form, blinkers on hoping for spark, needs more

5 592732 **BRAVE TRAVELLER 8 (D)**
(6) B Smart 9-1 ..... **Cam Hardie 97**
Runs: 11 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 4 £11,315
1l behind Houndhill at Newcastle last time, needs more back on turf

6 660330 **BYE LAW 42 (CD)**
(2) T Easterby 9-1. ..... **Duran Fentiman 94**
Runs: 12 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £12,196
C&D win in Aug '25, brace of 3rds at Thirsk and Ripon give him chance

7 810081 **HOUNDHILL 8 (V)**
(4) N Tinkler 9-0. ..... **Alex Jary (3) 96**
Runs: 12 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 1 £11,690
Beat Brave Traveller in Newcastle AW win, expected to go close again

BETTING: 5-2 French Affair, 4 Masaban, 9-2 Houndhill, Brave Traveller, 11-2 Bye Law, 15-2 Space Bear, 33 Bleep Test
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

Sunracing FORM

FRENCH AFFAIR (9-2) 14-1 towards rear, ridden 1f out, ran on well to lead final strides, bt Under The Twilight (9-10) nk (26 ran) (Goodwood 6f hcap (4) £20,616 good to firm).
SPACE BEAR (9-5) 5-1 mid-division, pushed along over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, last of 12 (btn 12l) to Explosive Finnish (9-1) (York 5f hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).
MASABAN (9-6) 4-1 jt fav prominent, closed on leader halfway, kept on but always held, btn 1l by Beyond The Bar (9-9) (9 ran) (Catterick 7f hcap (5) £4,449 good to firm).
BLEEP TEST (9-1) 33-1 towards rear, switched right 2f out, hung right and no impression over 1f out, last of 12 (btn 19l) to Flight Control (9-9) (York 7f hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).
HOUNDHILL (9-5) 8-1 prominent, led 2f out, clear 1f out, kept on well, bt **BRAVE TRAVELLER** (9-7) 6-1 mid-division, pushed along 2f out, headway 1f out, no impression, 1¼l (12 ran) (Newcastle 5f hcp (5) £3,978 AW).
BLEEP TEST (9-6) 40-1 towards rear, never on terms, 11th of 14 (btn 17l) to Hallo Spaceboy (9-8) **BYE LAW** (8-8) 25-1 prominent, ridden along 2f out, weakened 1f out, 13th (btn 19l) (14 ran) (York 6f hcap (4) £12,885 good).

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TEMPLEGATE

5.18 .... Facile Ocean
5.48 .... Walk Win
6.18 .... Mont Star
6.48 .... Olympic Man
7.18 .... MISTYBURN (nap)
7.48 .... Jasko Des Dames
8.18 .... Confidence Within

TOM PEPPER

5.18 .... Captain Hanley
5.48 .... Syosset
6.18 .... Tyson Fury
6.48 .... Rocky's Diamond
7.18 .... Zolpharine
7.48 .... Ma Jacks Hill
8.18 .... Mr Enigma

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed undulating course of 9 furlongs. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): H De Bromhead 23-135, G Elliott 20-245, J P Ryan 17-192, G Cromwell 14-139. THIS SEASON: J P Ryan 2, C Collins 2. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): J J Slevin 11-81, K M Donoghue 10-98, D King 7-73, J W Kennedy 7-54. THIS SEASON: A O'Sullivan 3. ■JACKPOT: Races 3-6. PLACEPOT: Races 1-6. ■TRAINERFAX: J P Ryan won the 7.48 in 2024 and 2025. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

5.18 MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m. (11 runners)

1 -4C4 **EARTHWATCH 15** D Hogan 4-11-9 .... **D King**
2 **CALAMINT F92 (H★)** A Murray 6-11-5 .... **J Halford (7)**
3 2U26 **CAPTAIN HANLEY F32 (H)** E O'Connell 6-11-4.. **B Hayes**
4 **DIGBY BRIDGE** B Connell 5-11-4 .... **S Flanagan**
5 -232 **FACILE OCEAN 15 (BF)** C Murphy 5-11-4 . **E Finegan (5)**
6 P-54 **FIRST ASCENT 18** G Elliott 5-11-4 .... **J Kennedy**
7 46/ **THROUGH THE STORM 580** D Kelly 5-11-4 .. **J Shinnick**
8 -F43 **WHOYOUGONNACALL 18** J Ryan 5-11-4 .... **L Quinlan**
9 **NOT IN A HURRY (H★)** A Howard 4-11-1 .... **S Torrens**
10 03- **ANNS GETAWAY 140** S McParlan 6-10-11 **Mr N McParlan**
11 00/P **ROSE MOUNTAIN 68** M Hassett 6-10-11. **L McKenna (3)**
Facile Ocean ●99, Whoyougonnacall 97, Captain Hanley 96.
15-8 Facile Ocean, 4 First Ascent, Whoyougonnacall, 9-2 Captain Hanley, 6 Digby Bridge, 8 Earthwatch

5.48 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €6,000; 2m. (14 runners)

1 9353 **LICEO 25** D McLoughlin 6-12-0 .... **P O'Hanlon**
2 -127 **BLUE REED 23 (C)** C Collins 7-11-6 .... **J Kennedy**
3 -322 **SYOSSET 5 (H)** J McConnell 5-11-6 .... **M Kenneally (5)**
4 5-66 **VALSORPRESA 18** R Daniels 8-11-5 **S Cleary-Farrell (7)**
5 9204 **WALK WIN 33** J Burke 4-11-5 .... **E Walsh**
6 077- **FOLK WARRIOR F27** J Nash 4-11-4 .... **D King**
7 007- **CONVINCING F17 (P★)** C Murphy 5-11-1... **E Finegan (5)**
8 96P- **ZARYAGLE 293** P Rothwell 5-11-0 .... **T Power Roche**
9 09-7 **CORKBEG 23** D Kelly 9-10-12 .... **A O'Sullivan (5)**
10 -687 **FERDIA 22 (D)** J Ryan 10-10-12 .... **J Aherne (7)**
11 8-09 **BRAVEMANS BOUNCE 85** C Collins 4-10-11 **M O'Connor**
12 9/R- **KINSKI 118 (H)** J Broderick 7-10-11 .... **J Slevin**
13 900- **ARDGILLAN 245** M Lynch 6-10-8 .... **J Halford (7)**
14 -602 **SURVIVING MURMANSK 5** J Barcoe 8-10-1 **C Stone-Walsh**
Syosset ●99, Surviving Murmansk 98, Walk Win 97.
9-4 Syosset, 3 Surviving Murmansk, 6 Walk Win, 8 Liceo, 12 Folk Warrior, Convincing, 14 Blue Reed, Bravemans Bounce

6.18 MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m 3f. (13 runners)

1 03 **FORLIO F10 (P★)** P Flynn 7-11-12 .... **K Donoghue**
2 -223 **TYSON FURY 7** D Hogan 9-11-12 .... **D King**
3 21-4 **MASTER SYDNEY 5 (P★)** P Flynn 5-11-5 **J Williamson (5)**
4 **BACK SWATH** R Hackett 7-11-4 .... **L Quinlan**
5 4-16 **CHARLES THE BOLD 97** B McMahon 6-11-4 **Mr E M Nugent (7)**
6 6-7F **COOLADDI 33 (H)** C Maxwell 6-11-4 .... **K Buckley**
7 -R49 **BLUE JOHNL 15** J Ryan 4-11-1 .... **J Slevin**
8 8-2 **MONT STAR 29 (T★)** H Bromhead 4-11-1.... **M O'Connor**
9 **HOWAYA CODGE** C Hughes 5-10-11 .... **C Stone-Walsh**
10 90/ **MAHLER'S BEST 492** P Foley 6-10-11 .... **A Harvey**
11 **MARILYNS POET** J Burke 6-10-11 .... **E Walsh**
12 F- **MYSTERY DECISION 293 (T★)** H Finegan 7-10-11 **E Finegan (5)**
13 PP-7 **PHYLLIS RODDA 18** B Connell 6-10-11 .... **S Flanagan**
Tyson Fury ●99, Mont Star 98, Cooladdi 96.
13-8 Mont Star, 2 Tyson Fury, 4 Cooladdi, 14 Master Sydney, 16 Howaya Codge, 20 Forlio, 25 Blue Johnl, Charles The Bold

6.48 HURDLE; winner €9,600; 3m 1f. (5 runners)

1 5P48 **DRUMGILL 6** J Ryan 7-11-2 .... **D King**
2 5-F8 **OLYMPIC MAN 29** J McConnell 9-11-2.. **A O'Sullivan (5)**
3 6-0P **ROCKY'S DIAMOND 10** D Queally 6-11-2 .. **M Kenneally (5)**
4 46 **REMEMBERWHAT 25** P Fahey 6-10-12..... **C Cullinan (7)**
5 U211 **PETS GEORGINA 22** J Ryan 6-10-10 .... **J Slevin**
Rocky's Diamond ●99, Pets Georgina 98, Drumgill 95.
4-5 Pets Georgina, 2 Rocky's Diamond, 5 Drumgill, 16 Rememberwhat, 25 Olympic Man

Sun FORM

DRUMGILL (9-10) 6-1 tracked leaders, not fluent 3 out, ridden 2 out, no extra last, 8th of 11 (btn 22l) to Blood Destiny (11-12) (Galway 2¼m hcap ch €18,000 good).
OLYMPIC MAN (10-9) 20-1 prominent, clear after 3 out, mistake last, weakened, 8th of 14 (btn 25l) to Solitary Man (11-2) **DRUMGILL** (11-0) 15-2 towards rear, lost place 3 out, weakened and detached before 2 out, pulled up before last, (Kilbeggan 3m 1f Listed hcap ch (1) €60,000 good).
ROCKY'S DIAMOND pulled up latest, earlier (12-0) 8-1 mid-division, pushed along 4 out, ridden 3 out, no impression, 12th of 15 (btn 46l) to Hermino AA (9-7) (Roscommon 3m 1f hcap ch €15,000 yielding to soft).
REMEMBERWHAT (11-7) 9-1 chased leaders, ridden 4f out, soon lost touch, no impression, 6th of 10 (42l) to Its Time For A Run (12-0) (Downpatrick 2m 3f NHF €6,601 good).
PETS GEORGINA (11-7) 5-1 made all, pushed along 2 out, went on before last, kept on well, comfortably, bt Chisel Hill (10-13) 4½l (15 ran) (Killarney 2m 7f mdn hdle €7,200 good).

7.18 HANDICAP CHASE; winner €7,200; 3m 1f. (5 runners)

1 P-U0 **KINGS JET 6 (P★)** C Farrell 6-11-12 .... **R Doyle**
2 -921 **ANODANDAWINK 17 (D)** C Murphy 5-11-8 **P Smithers (7)**
3 -663 **MISTYBURN 6** P Rothwell 6-10-8 .... **S Torrens**
4 5-11 **ZOLPHARINE 71** J Ryan 8-10-8 .... **D King**
5 PP-3 **THE LITTLE YANK 29 (B)** J Ryan 11-10-6. **M Kenneally (5)**
Mistyburn ●99, Zolpharine 98, Anodandawink 97.
6-4 Anodandawink, 9-4 Zolpharine, 3 Mistyburn, 12 The Little Yank, 14 Kings Jet

Sun FORM

MISTYBURN (10-3) 33-1 towards rear, ridden after 3 out, kept on one pace run-in, 3rd of 18 (btn 6¾l) to Jukebox Johnny (11-4) **KINGS JET** (11-5) 9-1 tracked leaders, mistake 4 out, ridden and no extra after 3 out, tailed off, 11th (18 ran) (Galway 2¾m hcap ch €10,200 good).
ANODANDAWINK (11-7) 3-1 fav tracked leader, asserted last, stayed on well run-in, easily, bt Fr Gilligansvoyge (9-10) 10l (15 ran) (Wexford 3m 1f hcap ch €6,000 good).
ZOLPHARINE (10-3) 5-2 fav mid-division, headway 3 out, led travelling well after 2 out, stayed on strongly run-in, eased inside final furlong, easily, bt Friends Of Barry (10-12) 3½l (16 ran) (Tramore 2¾m hcap hdle €6,000 good).
THE LITTLE YANK (10-13) 28-1 towards rear, headway before last, kept on final furlong, 3rd of 15 (5l) to Knocknagoran Lady (11-4) (Kilbeggan 3m 1f hcap hdle €6,000 good).

7.48 HANDICAP CHASE; winner €15,000; 2m 4f. (8 runners)

1 54-5 **JASKO DES DAMES 22 (D)** H Bromhead 7-11-12 **M O'Connor**
2 -318 **MA JACKS HILL 36 (B;D)** G Elliott 6-11-6 .... **J Kennedy**
3 91-U **A LAW OF HER OWN 8** E Mullins 9-11-5 .... **D Meyler**
4 50-0 **INTENSE APPROACH 8 (B)** J McConnell 7-11-5 **A Harvey**
5 6-23 **MICKIE ANGEL 8** D Hogan 8-11-2 .... **J Slevin**
6 3425 **REXEM 8 (D)** J McConnell 9-11-2 .... **J Williamson (5)**
7 23-5 **CEANNDANA 85** R O'Sullivan 9-10-12 .... **S Flanagan**
8 -36B **GRANGE WALK 15 (B)** J Ryan 11-10-2 .... **D King**
Rexem ●99, Mickie Angel 98, Ceanndana 97.
5-2 Ceanndana, 9-2 Grange Walk, 6 Rexem, Mickie Angel, Jasko Des Dames, 8 Ma Jacks Hill, A Law Of Her Own

Sun FORM

JASKO DES DAMES (11-6) 7-1 prominent, lost position 4 out, weakened, no extra, 5th of 9 (22l) to Femme Magnifique (10-0) (Killarney 2m 1f hcap ch €15,000 good to yielding).
REXEM (9-12) 20-1 mid-division, pushed along 3 out, kept on, 3rd of 10 (4l) to Lisleigh Lad (9-12) **MA JACKS HILL** (10-12) 9-1 mid-division, pushed along 3 out, no impression, 8th (21l) (10 ran) (Wexford 2m 3f hcap ch €15,000 good).
A LAW OF HER OWN unseated latest, earlier (11-12) 15-2 towards rear, progress halfway, led travelling well approaching last, easily, bt Spick And Span (10-7) 7l (8 ran) (Punchestown 2m hcap hdle €8,700 good to yielding).
REXEM (10-1) 12-1 mid-division, ridden straight, no extra, 5th of 20 (15l) to Kings Hill (10-13) **INTENSE APPROACH** (10-13) 16-1 tracked leaders, ridden 2 out, weakened, 13th (46l) **A LAW OF HER OWN** (10-4) 14-1 mid-division unseated at 1st, (20 ran) (Galway 2¾m hcap ch €48,000 good).
MICKIE ANGEL (11-12) 15-2 tracked leaders, ridden in 3rd 2 out, kept on same pace in 3rd run-in, 3rd of 9 (btn 11l) to Vicar Street (11-12) (Galway 2¾m beg ch €10,200 good).
CEANNDANA (11-6) 7-2 rear of mid-division, ridden in 6th 3 out, 6th at last, no extra, 5th of 8 (btn 8¾l) to Faceman (10-12) (Kilbeggan 3m hcap hdle €15,000 good).
GRANGE WALK brought down latest, earlier (10-11) 15-2 towards rear, ridden 2 out, no impression, 6th of 12 (19l) to Wolf Prince (11-5) (Sligo 2m 1f hcap hdle €9,000 good).

8.18 NAT HUNT FLAT; winner €6,600; 2m. (6 runners)

1 3 **CONFIDENCE WITHIN 97** P Rothwell 5-12-0 **Miss P Elvin (7)**
2 7 **SRAH 18** J Ryan 6-12-0 .... **Mr O McGill (5)**
3 75 **HOT ROCK HARRY 35** G Cromwell 4-11-11 **Mr B Coonan (7)**
4 5 **INISHTEARAGHT 23** E Mullins 4-11-11 ..... **Mr B Stone (7)**
5 3 **MR ENIGMA 35** C Maxwell 4-11-11 .... **Mr D McGill (7)**
6 **APPY WAYS** P Fahey 4-11-4 .... **Mr J Gleeson**
Inishtearaght ●99, Mr Enigma 98, Hot Rock Harry 96.
2 Inishtearaght, 3 Appy Ways, 4 Mr Enigma, 9-2 Hot Rock Harry, 8 Confidence Within, 16 Srah

AYR COLOURS TONIGHT

GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT)

TEMPLEGATE

5.27 .... Roman Crystal
6.00 .... Harry Mole
6.30 .... Tiger
7.00 .... Hale End
7.30 .... Mr Cool
8.00 .... Runninsonofagun
8.30 .... Wicklow Way

TOM PEPPER

5.27 .... Beechwood Glory
6.00 .... Harry Mole
6.30 .... Tiger
7.00 .... Walsingham
7.30 .... Mr Cool
8.00 .... Runninsonofagun
8.30 .... Charencey

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed oval course of 1m 4f, races of 1m 3f start on a chute, straight 6f track. ■DRAW: A middle to high draw is an advantage in sprint races, low numbers favoured on the round course. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): J Goldie 101-736, I Jardine 46-386, M Dods 34-281, R M Smith 29-368. THIS SEASON: J Goldie 11, M Dods 7, I Jardine 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): P Mulrennan 77-449, J Hart 38-279, A Mullen 33-311, B Garritty 17-123. THIS SEASON: P Mulrennan 7, A Mullen 4, J Hart 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Beechwood Glory (5.27), Dryburgh (6.30), Faeberon (6.30), Breakdancer (7.00) trained at Newmarket. Round trip of 720 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

5.27 A MCKIE BUILDERS EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (Class 5); 2-y-o; £4,187; 6f. (10 runners)

1 (8) 53 **BEECHWOOD GLORY 15** J Butler 9-7 .... **Mikey Sheehy 97**
2 (6) 4 **COUL BLUE 8** M Dods 9-7 .... **Lewis Edmunds 89**
3 (7) 66 **FLASHING STAR 42 (H★)** M Walford 9-7 .... **Jason Hart 92**
4 (2) **LONE STRIKER** P Makin 9-7 .... **Sam James —**
5 (5) 826 **MICK'S THE BOY 24 (BF)** M & D Easterby 9-7 .... **Jake Dickson (5) ●99**
6 (9) 38635 **PONTE CARLO 37** T Easterby 9-7 .... **Sean Kirrane 98**
7 (1) **REDROSECASTANA** C Kellett 9-7 .... **Paul Mulrennan —**
8 (4) 76 **UNBEATABLE FAME 7** R & P Fahey 9-7 .... **Jack Garritty 85**
9 (10) 444 **BLACK CUILLIN 32** C Lidster 9-2 .... **Andrew Mullen 95**
10 (3) 6543 **ROMAN CRYSTAL 15** M & D Easterby 9-2 .... **Billy Garritty 96**
BETTING: 5-2 Beechwood Glory, 3 Mick's The Boy, 5 Ponte Carlo, 11-2 Roman Crystal, 8 Black Cuillin, 12 Flashing Star, 16 Lone Striker, Coul Blue
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 2 5 1 5
2025: Bye Law 9-7 Sean Kirrane 3-1 (T Easterby) drawn 8, 9 ran.

6.00 SUNDAY ROAST AT WESTERN HOUSE HOTEL HANDICAP (6); winner £4,187; 5f. (13 runners)

1 (1) -051373 **HI LORD 26 (D)** W Harrison 4-10-0 .... **Barry McHugh 95**
2 (6) 625-011 **KING OF THE JUNGLE 49 (CD)** M & D Easterby 6-9-13 **Billy Garritty ●99**
3 (7) 8168304 **HARB 7 (CD)** T Davidson 7-9-10 .... **Lexie Clarkson (7) 85**
4 (4) 4655365 **WATER OF LEITH 12 (CD)** J Goldie 8-9-9 .... **Paul Mulrennan 93**
5 (13) -832242 **STARTLING 12 (B★;BF,D)** J Wainwright 4-9-9 .... **Jason Hart 98**
6 (10) 0-93444 **MIDNIGHT LIR 15 (B;D)** M Dods 5-9-8 .... **Sean Kirrane 97**
7 (11) 0074963 **SOUTH PARADE 8 (BF,D)** R & P Fahey 5-9-7 .... **Ethan Tindall (5) 94**
8 (5) 4-05223 **HARRY MOLE 14** Steph Hollinshead 4-9-6 .... **Dougie Costello 96**
9 (9) 32-2549 **KEEP THE GOLD 33 (BF)** M Dods 4-9-4 .... **Lewis Edmunds 84**
10 (12) -448968 **FALCON QUEEN 12 (H)** R Smith 3-9-3 .... **James Sullivan 86**
11 (2) 0U-931 **SUPREMISSY 47 (D)** I Jardine 3-9-2 .... **Andrew Mullen 87**
12 (3) 6377565 **ROYAL DUKE 12 (CD)** R Smith 5-8-9 .... **Shay Farmer (5) 82**
13 (8) -357726 **SUMMERSTORMS DREAM 12** J Goldie 4-8-9 .... **Lauren Young (5) 83**
BETTING: 5 King Of The Jungle, 6 Harry Mole, 13-2 Startling, 7 Midnight Lir, 8 Hi Lord, South Parade, 10 Water Of Leith, Harb
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 8 2 0 4 4
2025: Harb 6-9-13 David Nolan 7-2 (T Davidson) drawn 9, 7 ran.

6.30 CELEBRATION OF LES DODDS HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £4,187; 1m 2f. (14 runners)

1 (8) 34-6421 **TIGER 6 (D)** I Williams 4-10-7(5ex) .... **Ryan Kavanagh (3) 97**
2 (13) 28/8623 **MR LINCOLN J21** I Jardine 6-10-2 .... **Andrew Mullen 93**
3 (6) 7-35370 **DRAUPNIR 14** M & D Easterby 4-9-11 .... **Billy Garritty 85**
4 (1) 1624223 **GEO 12 (C)** J Goldie 4-9-11 .... **Paul Mulrennan 94**
5 (5) 08-8234 **POL ROGER 26 (CD)** M Dods 6-9-10 .... **Sean Kirrane 88**
6 (10) 3-73282 **DRYBURGH 64 (H)** O Rix 3-9-8 .... **Sam James 96**
7 (7) 54-4731 **UNCHARTEDTERRITORY 60** D O'Meara 3-9-7 .... **Lewis Edmunds ●99**
8 (9) 74-831 **FAEBERON 41** S & E Crisford 3-9-6 .... **Dougie Costello 95**
9 (14) 4-34176 **MAYOR OF MAGHERA 12** R Smith 4-9-3 .... **James Sullivan 87**
10 (4) 00-4908 **NATZOR 10 (D)** L Quinlan 6-9-1 .... **Barry McHugh 84**
11 (2) -823521 **PHANTOM SHADOW 19 (CD)** E Whillans 3-9-1 .... **Jason Hart 98**
12 (12) 906 **PATH TO PEACE 38 (B★)** K Scott 3-9-0 .... **Greg Fairley 81**
13 (3) 6241334 **ANNANDALE 26 (BF,C,D)** J Goldie 8-8-13 .... **non-runner 92**
14 (11) 17-6034 **IBN ALTHEEB 28 (B)** I Jardine 3-8-13 .... **Jack Nicholls (3) 87**
BETTING: 11-4 Tiger, 6 Unchartedterritory, Phantom Shadow, 13-2 Dryburgh, 7 Faeberon, 10 Mr Lincoln, 12 Geo, 14 Ibn Altheeb
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1-4 3 6 6
2025: Obito 3-9-9 David Nolan 17-2 (D O'Meara) drawn 8, 12 ran.

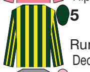
7.00 UNITE EWING HOPE'S HAPPY RETIREMENT HCAP (4) winner £5,234; 1m (10 runners)

1 -05458 **THEORYOFEVERYTHING 34 (CD)**
(10) D O'Meara 6-9-11 .... **Jason Hart** **96**
Runs: 30 Wins: 4 (3S,GS) Places: 3 £87,757
Recent runs below best, 1m fine but needs to rediscover old spark to threaten

2 310805 **WALSINGHAM 8 (D)**
(4) D O'Meara 6-9-9 .... **Billy Garritty** **●99**
Runs: 22 Wins: 4 (S,3G) Places: 7 £40,522
Inconsistent, 5th at Goodwood 2 last week, this a lot easier, one to beat

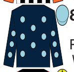
3 7-5000 **BRAVAIS 92**
(7) I Williams 6-9-9 .... **Ryan Kavanagh (3)** **84**
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (S) Places: 5 £68,543
Well below best lately, needs revival and hard to fancy on recent evidence alone

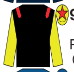
4 61-018 **MILTEYE 50 (D)**
(3) H Bethell 6-9-8 .... **Ethan Tindall (5)** **91**
Runs: 22 Wins: 5 (2S,GS,2G) Places: 7 £41,676
Ripon win in April, disappointed last time out, chance if bouncing back


5 232584 **BREAKDANCER 12 (D)**
(1) S & E Crisford 4-9-6 ... **Paul Mulrennan** **96**
Runs: 12 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 3 £25,342
Decent 4th at Southwell AW last time, low mileage for an elite yard, shortlist

6 5-3010 **HIGH POINT 7**
(2) I Jardine 5-9-4 .... **Andrew Mullen** **90**
Runs: 18 Wins: 5 (3S,GS,G) Places: 2 £51,816
York win in June for Ross Burdon, last on stable debut at Hamilton, risky

7 122071 **HALE END 19 (CD)**
(5) M Dods 6-9-4 .... **Lewis Edmunds** **97**
Runs: 48 Wins: 7 (3F,2A,2G) Places: 10 £60,537
C&D win in July, up 5lb and rise in class, can't rule out going close again


8 2-0030 **COUNT PALATINE 57 (C)**
(6) M Dods 5-9-3 .... **Sean Kirrane** **85**
Runs: 30 Wins: 4 (S,F,GS,G) Places: 7 £34,162
Won here in Sep, 3rd at Carlisle showed signs of a return to form, e-w


9 784814 **JANNAS JOURNEY 23 (CD)**
(9) J Goldie 5-9-3 .... **Lauren Young (5)** **93**
Runs: 28 Wins: 8 (S,F,2GS,4G) Places: 2 £57,821
C&D win in July '25, Carlisle winner last month but flopped last time, e-w

10 -11322 **MILITARY LEADER 23 (B;D)**
(8) P Makin 5-8-11 .... **Sam James** **98**
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 7 £21,472
Consistent performer, upped in grade and mark still seems fair, claims

BETTING: 11-4 Hale End, 7-2 Military Leader, 5 Walsingham, 13-2 Breakdancer, 8 Jannas Journey, Theoryofeverything, 14 Milteye, 16 High Point, 25 Bravais, Count Palatine
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

7.30 CHRISTMAS PARTIES AT WESTERN HOUSE HOTEL HANDICAP (6); winner £4,711; 6f. (13 runners)

1 (8) 6735231 **MR COOL 12 (CD)** C Johnston 4-10-3 .... **Oliver Stammers 98**
2 (3) 60-4616 **ANNIE EDSON TAYLOR 52 (B;D)** P Makin 5-9-13 .... **Sam James 93**
3 (5) -400636 **IMPRESSOR 59 (CD)** P Makin 9-9-12 .... **Lewis Edmunds 84**
4 (6) -658606 **KELPIE GREY 12 (BF,C)** J Goldie 6-9-11 .... **Paul Mulrennan 94**
5 (13) 7222629 **THUNDERSTORM KATIE 7 (CD)** J Goldie 5-9-10.... **Lauren Young (5) 96**
6 (7) 53-3257 **TAAKLAM 8 (BF)** H Bethell 3-9-8 .... **Aiden Brookes 97**
7 (2) 5-430 **MASAI ANGEL 38** R & P Fahey 3-9-7 .... **Jack Garritty 88**
8 (11) -460933 **WHISKEY KISSES 19 (BF)** R Smith 3-9-7 .... **Greg Fairley 96**
9 (4) 4570 **ELEMMA 44** R & P Fahey 3-9-6 .... **Billy Garritty 87**
10 (1) 657-005 **HIGHFIELD SUNSHINE 17** J & S Quinn 4-9-6 .... **Jason Hart 85**
11 (12) 7202038 **UKIYO 50 (D)** A Kinirons (Ire) 5-9-2 .... **Mikey Sheehy 95**
12 (10) 1834718 **DOON THE GLEN 12 (V;D)** J Goldie 6-9-0 .... **Barry McHugh 87**
13 (9) 61-2343 **LANARRA 12 (D)** R Smith 3-8-8 .... **Andrew Mullen ●99**
BETTING: 3 Mr Cool, 6 Lanarra, 13-2 Whiskey Kisses, 8 Taaklam, 10 Ukiyo, Thunderstorm Katie, Kelpie Grey, Annie Edson Taylor
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 1 2 2 1
2025: Thunderstorm Katie 4-8-8 Amie Waugh 9-4 Fav (J Goldie) drawn 4, 8 ran.

8.00 BOOK THE LADBROKES AYR GOLD CUP HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £4,187; 7f. (13 runners)

1 (1) 736-509 **HIGHFIELD VIKING 55 (B;CD)** J & S Quinn 6-10-0 .... **Jason Hart 87**
2 (10) 0835132 **RUNNINSONOFAGUN 12 (BF,C)** T Davidson 4-9-13 .... **Jack Garritty 98**
3 (7) 0-44253 **BLACK STORM 30 (B★;BF,D)** K Scott 5-9-13 .... **Greg Fairley 97**
4 (11) 3531473 **PHOENIX OF DREAMS 102 (H;BF,D)** J & S Quinn 5-9-12 **Dougie Costello 96**
5 (6) 3401-08 **YY SPIRIT 99** S Corbett 3-9-10 .... **Lexie Clarkson (7) 85**
6 (13) 5319334 **SANAFI ZABEEL 7** J Goldie 5-9-10 .... **Paul Mulrennan 95**
7 (8) 52-0921 **CIRCLE OF TRUST 49 (B;CD)** K Ryan 3-9-9 .... **Lewis Edmunds ●99**
8 (2) 723-304 **UBETTERSEETHIS 57 (D)** C Lidster 3-9-8 .... **Sam James 92**
9 (9) 358-427 **STOIC POET 64 (H★)** I Jardine 3-9-8 .... **Mikey Sheehy 87**
10 (4) -722268 **MILFORD GRANGE 14** M & D Easterby 3-9-7 .... **Billy Garritty 88**
11 (3) -749224 **SUPREME CLARETS 14** R & P Fahey 3-9-5 .... **Warren Fentiman (3) 93**
12 (12) 9759533 **YAASER 7 (CD)** J Goldie 8-9-4 .... **Lauren Young (5) 97**
13 (5) -746737 **TAP DANCER 12** J Goldie 4-8-12 .... **Andrew Mullen 89**
BETTING: 3 Runninsonofagun, 11-2 Black Storm, 13-2 Circle Of Trust, 7 Yaaser, 8 Sanafi Zabeel, Phoenix Of Dreams, 10 Ubetterseethis, 12 Supreme Clarets
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1-4 4 2 2
2025: Native Honey 3-9-7 Paul Mulrennan 5-2 (J Goldie) drawn 2, 8 ran.

8.30 FESTIVE DAY DANCING AT AYR RACECOURSE CLASSIFIED STAKES (6); £4,187; 1m 2f. (13 runners)

1 (5) 1099371 **WICKLOW WAY 8 (D)** M Walford 4-10-0 .... **Jack Garritty ●99**
2 (3) 6-57622 **CHARENCEY 11** I Williams 6-9-9 .... **Ryan Kavanagh (3) 98**
3 (7) 6824227 **FALAISE BLANC 8 (B;D)** K Scott 4-9-9 .... **Jake Dickson (5) 91**
4 (1) 5785365 **GOLDEN VALOUR 12 (C)** R Smith 10-9-9 .... **James Sullivan 90**
5 (11) 2087-06 **ONE MORE BOTTLE 12 (B;C)** L Quinlan 5-9-9 .... **Barry McHugh 86**
6 (13) 0-50915 **PATRICK STREET J15 (BF,D)** A Kinirons (Ire) 7-9-9 .... **Mikey Sheehy 96**
7 (2) 0549210 **SASSY GLORY 14 (V;BF)** M Walford 5-9-9 .... **Jason Hart 92**
8 (10) 9-09648 **STORM ON JURA 33** J Goldie 4-9-9 .... **Lauren Young (5) 82**
9 (4) 50-9549 **ZEBRA STAR 34 (CD)** R Smith 6-9-9 .... **Shay Farmer (5) 83**
10 (6) 777-33 **FLYING MOONLIGHT 33** A Thomson 3-9-1 .... **Sean Kirrane 94**
11 (12) 60-0923 **RAISE THE STAKES 43 (V;BF)** E Whillans 3-9-1 .... **Greg Fairley 95**
12 (9) -556367 **RESDEV TIME 22** M & D Easterby 3-9-1 .... **Billy Garritty 89**
13 (8) 8488677 **SANNY DOO 34** J Goldie 3-9-1 .... **Paul Mulrennan 80**
BETTING: 15-8 Wicklow Way, 9-2 Charencey, 8 Patrick Street, Flying Moonlight, Raise The Stakes, 14 Sassy Glory, 16 Resdev Time, Golden Valour, Falaise Blanc
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 2 1 5
2025: Royal Blaze 4-9-9 David Nolan 11-4 (Ewan Whillans) drawn 11, 10 ran.

ABC CHECK: As - Ascot, Ay - Ayr, H - Haydock, K - Kilbeggan, L - Lingfield, N - Newmarket, R - Redcar, W - Wexford

A Law Of Her Own 7.48K
A Lott Of Kane 8.10L
Alicious 5.35W
All Ways Glamorous 1.35As
Alobayyah 3.00H
American Gulf 3.20As
Amethyst Star 7.10L
Amidst The Chaos 3.12R
Angel Hunter 3.40N
Annandale 6.30Ay
Annie Edson Taylor 7.30Ay
Anns Getaway 5.18K
Anodandawink 7.18K
Anyasi 3.20As
Apollo One 1.35As
Appy Ways 8.18K
Arantes Nascimento 7.40L
Archers Bay 3.55As
Arctic Dawn 3.40N
Arctic Thunder 4.40H
Arctic Wind 6.10L
Ardgillan 5.48K
Artavian 6.40L
Asgard's Captain 2.45As
Avec Espoir 4.00W
Aviatrice 3.00H
Baby Pearl 2.15W
Back Swath 6.18K
Balgowan 5.40L
Ballybrittas 5.05W
Ballyhahill 2.15W
Baltic 5.23N
Baltic Fleet 3.55As
Banner Beauty 2.15W
Barley 3.12R
Beechwood Glory 5.27Ay
Beggars Rock 4.00W
Begger 3.25W
Berlinetta 4.09H
Betty Boop 2.30N
Betty Clover 3.40N
Beylerbeyi 2.10As
Billy Bathgate 4.57R
Black Cuillin 5.27Ay
Black Endeavour 4.09H
Black Storm 8.00Ay
Bleep Test 5.31R
Blingy's Sister 3.00H
Blue Hercules 3.55As
Blue Johnl 6.18K
Blue Reed 5.48K
Bold Suitor 7.40L
Bolo Neighs 1.35As
Bowie Lass 2.02R
Bravais 7.00Ay
Brave Bob 4.19R
Brave Nation 4.50N
Brave Traveller 5.31R
Bravemans Bounce 5.48K
Breakdancer 7.00Ay
Brighton View 1.50H
Bullet Point 4.30As
Bust A Moon 4.19R
Buxted Reel 4.57R
Bye Law 5.31R
Bynx 5.05W
Calamint 5.18K
Calendar Girl 3.00H
Camino Rock 2.50W
Cape Ashizuri 3.20As
Capital Guarantee 3.12R
Captain Hanley 5.18K
Carefree Dream 6.10L
Casheldale Lass 2.15W
Castle Rock 3.40N
Castle Stuart 2.45As
Ceanndana 7.48K
Centreofattention 4.00W
Ceroc 4.35W
Cerulean Bay 4.30As
Chaise Longue 7.10L
Charencey 8.30Ay
Charles The Bold 6.18K
Chesneys Charm 3.12R
China In Your Hand 1.55N
Christian David 3.34H
Cinque Verde 1.35As
Circle Of Trust 8.00Ay
Claymore 2.45As
Claytons Kolatonic 1.50H
Comprador 4.09H
Confidence Within 8.18K
Convergent 2.25H
Convincing 5.48K
Cooladdi 6.18K
Corkbeg 5.48K
Cosi Bello 4.40H
Cospicua 6.40L
Coul Blue 5.27Ay
Count Palatine 7.00Ay
Crafty Blue 4.09H
Crimson Spirit 3.34H
Crown Board 4.30As
Dalamara 2.37R
Dancing In Paris 2.10As
Dancing Symbol 5.35W
Danger Bay 2.25H
Danse Royale 3.05N
Darkest Red 6.40L
Democracy Dilemma 3.47R
Dereham 5.23N
Desert Legend 2.30N
Diamond Aura 2.37R
Digby Bridge 5.18K
Director's Cut 5.10H
Doon The Glen 7.30Ay
Doralee 4.19R
Dr Ali 8.10L
Draupnir 6.30Ay
Drumgill 6.48K
Dryburgh 6.30Ay
Drymee 4.14N
Dubai Venture 4.57R
Duty Bound 4.35W
Eabha 2.30N
Earthwatch 5.18K
Ebt's Guard 4.30As
Edergole's Gift 8.10L
Elemma 7.30Ay
Ellie's De Vega 4.19R
Enemy 2.45As
Fabled Spirit 5.40L
Facile Ocean 5.18K
Faeberon 6.30Ay
Fahrenheit Seven 1.35As
Falaise Blanc 8.30Ay
Falcon Queen 6.00Ay
Fallen Angel 3.00H
Fandom 1.35As
Fantasy Believer 2.45As
Felicity Smoak 2.15W
Femme Fatale 5.40L
Ferdia 5.48K
Fidelius 3.47R
Figjam 3.20As
Financer 4.40H
First Ascent 5.18K
Flashing Star 5.27Ay
Flying Moonlight 8.30Ay
Flyta 4.09H
Folk Warrior 5.48K
Following Orders 4.00W
Fondo Blanco 4.30As
Forever Endless 5.10H
Forlio 6.18K
Fram Castle 5.23N
Frances Ethel 2.45As
Frankies Dream 3.12R
Freddie Robdal 4.00W
French Affair 5.31R
Gaeli 1.35As
Galba 4.09H
Galistra 4.57R
Gemical 4.57R
Genealogy 2.45As
Geo 6.30Ay
Go Lockers Go 6.10L
Go Rimbaud 4.14N
Godspeed Girl 3.05N
Gold Star Hero 1.35As
Golden Mabel 5.10H
Golden Valour 8.30Ay
Gorgeous Mr George 3.12R
Graceful Song 1.55N
Grange Walk 7.48K
Grasmere Boy 3.20As
Guernsey Lady 6.10L
Gwen Tennyson 4.19R
Hale End 7.00Ay
Halimede 6.40L
Harb 6.00Ay
Harlequin Dream 3.05N
Harlequin Sky 1.55N
Harpy Eagle 2.50W
Harry Mole 6.00Ay
Harry The Rogue 3.12R
Havana Hurricane 3.20As
Hee Hiles 5.35W
Henry Tudor 8.10L
Here Comes Louie 2.37R
Hermetic 2.10As
Hi Lord 6.00Ay
Hickory 4.30As
High Point 7.00Ay
Highfield Sunshine 7.30Ay
Highfield Viking 8.00Ay
Highland Call 5.35W
Home Hero 5.10H
Honey Buck's 5.35W
Horace Wallace 4.09H
Horus 8.10L
Hoseki 3.55As
Hot Rock Harry 8.18K
Houndhill 5.31R
Howaya Codge 6.18K
Humam 3.40N
Huscal 7.40L
Ibn Altheeb 6.30Ay
Ice Show 2.37R
Illy's Roo 3.12R
Impressor 7.30Ay
Inishtearaght 8.18K
Insanity 2.45As
Inspired 4.40H
Intense Approach 7.48K
Isdistheone 2.50W
It's Bobsled Time 2.50W
Itszaboy 2.37R
Jack Langley 5.23N
Jackson Lamb 3.25W
Jacovec Cavern 4.35W
Jannas Journey 7.00Ay
Jasko Des Dames 7.48K
Jel Pepper 3.20As
Just King High 8.10L
Just Scarlet 3.05N
Kanzi 7.10L
Keep The Gold 6.00Ay
Kelpie Grey 7.30Ay
Kelya 3.25W
Kendall Roy 1.35As
Khanimambo 2.02R
Kilbrin Rocco 5.05W
Kilmeaden 2.10As
King Casper 4.40H
King Of Berkshire 3.55As
King Of The Jungle 6.00Ay
Kings Jet 7.18K
Kingside Lady 2.15W
Kinski 5.48K
Kodi Lion 3.40N
Kylian 1.35As
La Muleta 5.35W
Lady Doyanne 5.05W
Lanarra 7.30Ay
Last Flight 5.40L
Last Verse 3.55As
Lavender Hill Mob 2.10As
Lc Tiffen 1.50H
Leadman 4.40H
Leave In Secret 4.00W
Let's Go Hugo 4.19R
Level Look 3.55As
Lex Victoria 3.05N
Liceo 5.48K
Lion's House 4.50N
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Lone Striker 5.27Ay
Looka 4.14N
Lost Signal 4.40H
Luzon Heights 4.14N
Ma Jacks Hill 7.48K
Maeva 3.00H
Magic Lady Mae 2.02R
Mahler's Best 6.18K
Make A Splash 5.40L
Man Of The Sea 5.40L
Man Of Vision 4.14N
Mandarin Spirit 1.50H
Marian Avenue 2.50W
Marilyns Poet 6.18K
Marnier 2.10As
Martinet 1.55N
Masaban 5.31R
Masai Angel 7.30Ay
Master Sydney 6.18K
May Angel 3.20As
Mayor Of Maghera 6.30Ay
Merrimack 4.50N
Mick's The Boy 5.27Ay
Mickie Angel 7.48K
Midnight Lir 6.00Ay
Milford Grange 8.00Ay
Military Code 3.40N
Military Leader 7.00Ay
Milteye 7.00Ay
Miss Potomac 2.37R
Misses Woo 5.35W
Mister Winston 4.30As
Mistyburn 7.18K
Mont Star 6.18K
Moonshine 3.34H
Morell River 2.50W
Morte Point 3.40N
Mostar Dreams 3.00H
Mountain Cat 4.40H
Mountain Road 2.10As
Mr Cool 7.30Ay
Mr Enigma 8.18K
Mr Lincoln 6.30Ay
Mr Mistoffelees 3.12R
Music And Song 8.10L
Mysterious Times 2.30N
Mystery Decision 6.18K
Nadia's Boy 3.25W
Nahraan 2.25H
Nanny Park 4.57R
Napolian 4.09H
Natzor 6.30Ay
Ned In The Park 5.05W
New Image 3.34H
Newport 4.57R
Night Breeze 2.45As
Noche Clasica 3.00H
Norcross Brow 4.09H
Norfolk Blue 4.09H
Norfolk Dream 7.10L
Not In A Hurry 5.18K
Nuit D'eclair 1.55N
Nyman 3.12R
Ocean Murphy 2.50W
October Surprise 5.40L
Ohara 3.55As
Olympic Man 6.48K
One And Gone 3.20As
One More Bottle 8.30Ay
Oneforgonzo 4.00W
Oneforthegutter 2.10As
Our Planet 4.50N
Ozat 4.30As
Ozone Friendly 7.10L
Pacific Mission 3.00H
Paint Your Palette 8.10L
Paladin 3.12R
Parc Dosne 6.40L
Park Lane Penny 2.37R
Parlando 2.45As
Path To Peace 6.30Ay
Patrick Street 8.30Ay
Pellitory 3.34H
Pets Georgina 6.48K
Phantom Shadow 6.30Ay
Phantom Watch 5.10H
Phoenix Of Dreams 8.00Ay
Phyllis Rodda 6.18K
Pierre Grosse 3.55As
Pinatubo's Legacy 3.40N
Pinpoint 4.19R
Pol Roger 6.30Ay
Pole Star 2.10As
Ponte Carlo 5.27Ay
Popmaster 4.30As
Port Road 7.40L
Prince Quattro 5.23N
Prometteuse 5.35W
Raggaas 2.02R
Rainbow Sorbet 8.10L
Raise The Stakes 8.30Ay
Red Hat Eagle 7.40L
Red Spells Danger 3.20As
Redrosecastana 5.27Ay
Regal Tiger 2.30N
Relentless Hero 1.50H
Rememberwhat 6.48K
Resdev Time 8.30Ay
Rexem 7.48K
Rhodes Runner 2.30N
Ribadora 2.15W
Rightfolksplease 5.05W
Rockonliam 4.35W
Rocky's Diamond 6.48K
Rogue Supremacy 7.40L
Roman Crystal 5.27Ay
Roman Spring 8.10L
Rose Mountain 5.18K
Rosenpur 3.47R
Royal Duke 6.00Ay
Royal Poetry 3.55As
Rubyroo 3.05N
Rue Taylor 4.35W
Rumba Numba 3.00H
Runninsonofagun 8.00Ay
Runswick 4.14N
Saffron Bay 7.10L
Sallaal 2.25H
Sanafi Zabeel 8.00Ay
Sanbona Warrior 2.30N
Sandy Craic 5.10H
Sanny Doo 8.30Ay
Saratoga Gold 4.57R
Sassy Glory 8.30Ay
Saxon Grace 2.37R
Saxophonist 1.50H
Scalpnagoon 3.25W
Sea Scout 2.25H
Sea The Power 3.12R
Senorita Luna 7.10L
Serengeti 4.30As
Shaatir 3.20As
Shakita 2.15W
Shopaholic 6.40L
Shrimp Shady 2.10As
Si White 5.40L
Sierra's Dream 5.35W
Silenciosa 3.00H
Sir Griflet 5.40L
Skipper 4.40H
Solsbury Hill 5.05W
Sonas 2.15W
South Parade 6.00Ay
Space Bear 5.31R
Spartan Arrow 1.35As
Sphagnum 4.35W
Spirit Mixer 2.10As
Spooky Wooky 4.57R
Sportingsilvermine 2.45As
Sports Coach 3.47R
Spring Is Sprung 3.47R
Srah 8.18K
Star Anthem 4.40H
Startling 6.00Ay
Staywitherjohnny 2.15W
Stem 2.45As
Stitching Wheel 5.23N
Stoic Poet 8.00Ay
Storm On Jura 8.30Ay
Storm Star 4.30As
Sugar Yes Please 1.55N
Suggy 5.10H
Summerstorms Dream 6.00Ay
Sunlit Sea 6.10L
Sunshine And Roses 5.10H
Suntino Lady 2.02R
Supreme Clarets 8.00Ay
Supremissy 6.00Ay
Surviving Murmansk 5.48K
Sword 3.40N
Syosset 5.48K
Taaklam 7.30Ay
Tai Hang Pegasus 3.55As
Tap Dancer 8.00Ay
Tattie Bogle 7.40L
Teenage Kiss 4.35W
Tell The Boys 2.15W
Temptationinmilan 4.00W
Tequila Talkin' 4.00W
The Little Yank 7.18K
The Lodge Lane 5.35W
Theheatison 2.30N
Theoryofeverything 7.00Ay
Thi Qar 3.05N
Thornaby Pearl 4.50N
Through The Storm 5.18K
Thunder Call 3.20As
Thunderstorm Katie 7.30Ay
Tie A Navyribbon 1.55N
Tiger 6.30Ay
Tilted Kilt 4.40H
Time Twister 4.57R
Triple Double A 4.40H
Trooper 5.40L
Tuco Salamanca 1.35As
Two Tribes 4.30As
Tyson Fury 6.18K
Ubetterseethis 8.00Ay
Ukiyo 7.30Ay
Unbeatable Fame 5.27Ay
Unchartedterritory 6.30Ay
Up The Monk 4.19R
V Power 6.40L
Valsorpresa 5.48K
Vastern 2.02R
Vince Le Prince 3.12R
Vincenzo Peruggia 4.14N
Walk Win 5.48K
Walsingham 7.00Ay
War And Love 2.02R
Watch Party 3.05N
Water Of Leith 6.00Ay
Wechaad 3.34H
Welbury 3.12R
West Away 3.25W
Whiskey Kisses 7.30Ay
Whoyougonnacall 5.18K
Wicklow Way 8.30Ay
William Tell 3.25W
Willows Word 2.15W
Witch Hunter 4.40H
Wyle Cop 6.10L
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RACING RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S SEVEN MEETINGS

BRIGHTON

Going: Good to firm-good in places

2.30: 1 DIOMED SPIRIT C Bishop (2-1 fav); **2 Washington Heir** (5-1); **3 Recon Mission** (13-2). 7 ran. nk; 2¾l. C Gordon. T: £3; £1.50, £2.30. Ex: £15.70. Trifecta: £65. CF: £12.60.

3.00: 1 ENAMORED D Probert (8-11 fav); **2 Red Tail** (3-1); **3 Little Mester** (7-2). 5 ran. ½l; 2¼l. E Dunlop. T: £1.73; £1.10, £1.60. Ex: £3. Trifecta: £4.80. CF: £3.19.

3.30: 1 CELEBRATING ETHEL Myla Coppins (3-1 jtfav); **2 Fitzmaurice** (22-1); **3 Outrace** (7-1). 6 ran (Myna 3-1 jtfav). 2¼l; 1½l. A Carroll. T: £4; £1.90, £5. Ex: £60.10. Trifecta: £201.10. CF: £57.20.

4.00: 1 MARCELLINUS D J Murphy (7-2 fav); **2 The Quiet Gent** (4-1); **3 Tenbob Tommy** (11-1). 10 ran. 2l; hd. T Dascombe. T: £5; £2.10, £1.90, £3.10. Ex: £23.90. Tricast: £142.43. Trifecta: £163.30. CF: £18.02.

4.30: 1 BIG TIME RASCAL B Sayette (9-1); **2 Manhattan Chute** (12-1); **3 Dragon God** (11-4). 7 ran (Mart 5-2 fav). 1¼l; ¾l. S Hodgson. T: £10.40; £3.30, £3.80. Ex: £91.20. Trifecta: £359.80. CF: £103.25.

5.00: 1 SUPERSTORM Mikkel Mortensen (5-1); **2 Pennine Way** (11-4); **3 Shes Got The Blues** (7-4 fav). 6 ran. nk; 1½l. C Fellowes. T: £6.20; £2.40, £1.70. Ex: £18. Trifecta: £40.30. CF: £19.18. NR: King Cherry.

PLACEPOT: £175
QUADPOT: £96.90

GOWRAN PARK

Going: Good-good to firm in places

5.05: 1 PROFIT SURGE C T Keane (9-4 fav); **2 Mo Anam Chara** (8-1); **3 Spent All Me Money** (80-1). 12 ran. ¾l; 2½l. G Keane. T: €3.25; €1.50, €2.60, €10.90. Ex: €22.30. Trifecta: €1262.70. CF: €22.06. NR: Green Kite, Menwirr.

5.35: 1 REBEL WAVE W J Lee (9-4 fav); **2 Rion Rubette** (12-1); **3 Thrifty Of Digby** (7-2). 7 ran. nk; 1¼l. W McCreery. T: €3.25; €2.30, €6.80. Ex: €19. Tricast: €92.77. Trifecta: €194.10. CF: €30.68. NR: Pretty Omagh Girl, Stugardia.

6.10: 1 ALFRED TENNYSON J M Sheridan (13-2); **2 Tokyo Treasure** (9-2); **3 Morehampton** (11-2). 12 ran (Neo Smart 4-1 fav). nk; hd. D Hogan. T: €7.50; €2.40, €2, €2.30. Ex: €39.60. Tricast: €182.34. Trifecta: €239.70. CF: €37.52. NR: Ohailbhic.

6.45: 1 BEAU ARMY C D Hayes (9-1); **2 Sayonara** (20-1); **3 Garryowen Green** (28-1). 14 ran (Oppenheimer 6-5 fav). 4¼l; ½l. A McGuinness. T: €12; €2.60, €3.80, €6.70. Ex: €209.90. Tricast: €4843.41. Trifecta: €1177. CF: €190.38. NR: Glamazon.

7.20: 1 SERGEI DIAGHILEV W M Lordan (5-2); **2 City of Dubai** (9-4 fav); **3 Bellesque** (10-3). 6 ran. ¾l; ¾l. A P O'Brien. T: €3.50; €1.50, €1.50. Ex: €6.40. Trifecta: €25.30. CF: €8.38.

7.55: 1 BENEVENTO Donagh O'Connor (8-1); **2 Rahmi** (5-1); **3 God Of Power** (4-1). 6 ran (Celtic Motif 10-11 fav). 1¼l; 1¾l. Robson Aguiar. T: €9; €3.50, €1.60. Ex: €30.90. Trifecta: €84.80. CF: €46.80. NR: Felix Guido.

PLACEPOT: €2,019.50

HAYDOCK

Going: Good-good to firm in places

5.43: 1 ANCESTOR T Marquand (8-15 fav); **2 Tropical Sands** (13-8); **3 Golden Caviar** (22-1). 3 ran. nk; 8l. W Haggas. T: £1.54; Ex: £1.40. Trifecta: £1.60. CF: £1.70.

6.18: 1 EDWARD SEXTON Mr D Dunsdon (evens fav); **2 Fast Fred** (5-1); **3 Arrange** (11-4). 7 ran. 2¼l; ½l. G & J Moore. T: £2; £1.30, £2.40. Ex: £8.10. Tricast: £10.97. Trifecta: £21.20. CF: £6.88. NR: Clansman.

6.53: 1 DANCE A JIG H Crouch (2-1 jtfav); **2 Rotelle** (10-1); **3 Casino Star** (2-1 jtfav). 5 ran. 2½l; ½l. R Beckett. T: £3; £1.50, £3.60. Ex: £21.80. Trifecta: £44.30. CF: £21.44. NR: God Given Talent.

7.28: 1 BURNING UP C Lee (4-1); **2 Arthurian** (6-4); **3 Skylar** (14-1). 6 ran (Golden Falcon 11-8 fav). 2¾l; ½l. K R Burke. T: £5; £1.80, £1.30. Ex: £7.80. Trifecta: £39.50. CF: £10.40.

8.03: 1 SILVER SOVEREIGN H Crouch (7-4); **2 Syndicale** (11-10 fav); **3 Aphra Behn** (13-2). 9 ran. ½l; 2¼l. C Cox. T: £2.80; £1.10, £1.20, £1.60. Ex: £5.20. Trifecta: £13.10. CF: £4.22.

MUSSELBURGH

Going: Good

1.50: 1 SAMRA STAR P Mulrennan (4-1); **2 Falcon Nine** (11-4 jtfav); **3 Miners Gamble** (5-1). 7 ran (Gemini Man 11-4 jtfav). 1¼l; ¾l. Miss L Perratt. T: £5; £2.30, £1.60. Ex: £16. Trifecta: £61.80. CF: £14.85.

2.20: 1 MINSTER MAN P Mulrennan (3-1); **2 Sod Hall Lane** (20-1); **3 Faith In Florence** (6-5 fav). 5 ran. 1¾l; 1¾l. R Cowell. T: £4; £1.70, £5.90. Ex: £34.90. Trifecta: £62.40. CF: £45.23.

2.50: 1 BELLA LUCIA W Pyle (13-2); **2 Bigalo** (4-5 fav); **3 Amantha** (4-1). 5 ran. 1¼l; 1½l. G Tutty. T: £7.50; £2.30, £1.20. Ex: £15. Trifecta: £34.20. CF: £12.63.

3.20: 1 JONNY CONCRETE J Nicholls (10-3); **2 Ashen** (8-1); **3 Vixey** (16-1). 11 ran (Eagle Bay 3-1 fav). 1¾l; nk. I Jardine. T: £4.50; £1.70, £2.70, £3.90. Ex: £34.30. Tricast: £391.88. Trifecta: £403.60. CF: £30.61.

3.50: 1 TIVA D Tudhope (4-1); **2 Woohoo** (9-4); **3 Ecclefechan** (33-1). 6 ran (Montezuma 2-1 fav). nk; 2¼l. D O'Meara. T: £5; £2.20, £1.40. Ex: £16.90. Trifecta: £155.80. CF: £13.32.

4.24: 1 SURE AND STEDFAST G Fairley (8-1); **2 Roc De Fer** (11-10 fav); **3 Willow Wood** (11-2). 6 ran. ¾l; 3l. Ewan Whillans. T: £9; £2.60, £1.30. Ex: £19.40. Trifecta: £47.50. CF: £17.30. NR: Tommy's Promise.

4.54: 1 MONHAMMER P Mulrennan (6-4 fav); **2 Keep Me Stable** (5-1); **3 Misemerald** (9-4). 5 ran. 1l; ½l. Miss L Perratt. T: £2.50; £1.40, £1.90. Ex: £10.40. Trifecta: £18.70. CF: £9.26. NR: Maui Breeze.

PLACEPOT: £67.90
QUADPOT: £10.20

NEWMARKET

Going: Good to firm

5.27: 1 DESERT CASTLE B Loughnane (1-2 fav); **2 Sommood** (6-1); **3 Netherstream** (12-1). 8 ran. 3½l; 1¾l. C Appleby. T: £1.50; £1.10, £1.60, £3.20. Ex: £4.80. Trifecta: £25.90. CF: £4.84.

6.02: 1 ZARAKOVA O Murphy (6-4 fav); **2 Lily Pink** (7-2); **3 Bint Palace Pier** (7-1). 4 ran. nk; 1¾l. A Balding. T: £2.50; Ex: £6.80. Trifecta: £17.50. CF: £6.96.

6.37: 1 NABATI B Loughnane (2-5 fav); **2 Tawakal** (9-4); **3 Roll Up Raymond** (80-1). 5 ran. hd; 5½l. C Appleby. T: £1.40; £1.10, £1.10. Ex: £1.50. Trifecta: £8.90. CF: £1.65.

7.12: 1 FIFTY NIFTY C Fallon (18-1); **2 Havana Blue** (11-4 fav); **3 Spring Bloom** (3-1). 10 ran. ½l; nk. Martin Dunne. T: £19; £2.90, £1.40, £1.40. Ex: £52. Tricast: £193.01. Trifecta: £266.90. CF: £68.05.

7.47: 1 ROGUE CITATION H Davies (15-2); **2 Show Me Gold** (22-1); **3 Albeseeingyer** (5-1). 7 ran (Areti 2-1 fav). shd; ¾l. E Bethell. T: £8.50; £3.40, £5. Ex: £98. Trifecta: £311.40. CF: £141.02.

THIRSK

Going: Good-good to firm in places

2.10: 1 DRISH SAMPHIRE C Horgan (50-1); **2 Golden Prosperity** (11-1); **3 Mister Sky Blue** (11-2). 9 ran (Tarlac 5-2 fav). ½l; hd. L Mullaney. T: £62.90; £11.10, £2.50, £1.80. Ex: £775.60. Trifecta: £3322.90. CF: £518.67.

2.40: 1 PROSPERITY ANGEL A Mullen (33-1); **2 My Maria** (15-8 fav); **3 Inglewood** (85-40). 11 ran. ¾l; shd. B Haslam. T: £40.50; £7.20, £1.10, £1.10. Ex: £136.30. Trifecta: £520.20. CF: £73.80. NR: Mollisha, Takeaselfie. Mollisha| Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 15p in the £.

3.10: 1 BYMIDDAYTOMORROW Ashley Lewis (11-8 fav); **2 Love Tanya** (11-4); **3 Gerry's Darling** (11-4). 6 ran. hd; 3¾l. E Walker. T: £2.40; £1.40, £1.50. Ex: £6.50. Trifecta: £13.70. CF: £5.54. NR: Consultation.

3.40: 1 AZUINTHEJUNGLE A Jary (9-4 jtfav); **2 Vince L'Amour** (10-1); **3 Qila** (12-1). 6 ran (Military Girl 9-4 jtfav). ½l; hd. N Tinkler. T: £3.25; £1.60, £4. Ex: £20.30. Trifecta: £129.50. CF: £23.84.

4.10: 1 MASTER VINTNER E Greatrex (3-1); **2 Golden West** (14-1); **3 Majestic** (7-2). 6 ran (Sudu 2-1 fav). 2¼l; ¾l. R Beckett. T: £4; £4.70, £2. Ex: £32.40. Trifecta: £106.70. CF: £39.86.

4.40: 1 GREAT PROFIT B McHugh (7-2 fav); **2 Yellow Diamonds** (7-1); **3 Lope Y Linda** (6-1). 10 ran. 2¼l; nk. Mr W G Harrison. T: £4.50; £1.60, £2.20, £1.80. Ex: £30.40. Tricast: £146.73. Trifecta: £151.40. CF: £28.30. NR: Hellcat.

PLACEPOT: £250
QUADPOT: £25.10

WEXFORD

Going: Good-good to yielding in places

4.45: 1 ROSENBORG Ross Sugrue (9-1); **2 Sea Eagle** (10-3); **3 Penny Express** (3-1). 14 ran (Tomthescaffolder 10-11 fav). 2½l; 4½l. P J Rothwell. T: €11.10; €2.30, €1.30, €1.50. Ex: €57.40. Trifecta: €183.80. CF: €42.93. NR: Earthwatch, You Lift Me Up.

5.16: 1 TROPICAL TWIST J W Kennedy (17-2); **2 Game Phoenix** (25-1); **3 Teagarden Jazz** (50-1). 14 ran (Chosen Shant 11-4 fav). ¾l; 6l. G Elliott. T: €12.30; €2.80, €8.70, €14.20. Ex: €379.80. Tricast: €9748.20. Trifecta: Not won. CF: €216.13. NR: Annie Agnew, Erne Star, Maxios Lady.

5.51: 1 SPLASHING OUT Peter Smithers (6-1); **2 Jabbar** (5-1); **3 Ma Belle Etoile** (9-2). 8 ran (Shaboozee 10-3 fav). 6l; 4½l. E Griffin. T: €7; €1.80, €1.80, €1.30. Ex: €35.80. Tricast: €148.60. Trifecta: €204.60. CF: €36.81.

6.26: 1 STRONG CONTENDER Conor Smithers (11-1); **2 Tango Theatre** (25-1); **3 Clone Cross** (4-1). 13 ran (Set The Tone 3-1 fav). 9½l; 1¾l. N Lee. T: €19.40; €4.80, €4.60, €1.80. Ex: €697.30. Tricast: €1312.48. Trifecta: Not won. CF: €260.98. NR: Gerrys Wish, Joe's Turn, Sineads Fancy, The Cobblers Wife.

7.01: 1 WHO'S DA GOOSE G B Noonan (25-1); **2 Sekakarma** (11-2); **3 Bayonetta** (17-2). 14 ran (Barrogstown Girl 3-1 fav). ¾l; 6l. E McCarthy. T: €30.30; €4.30, €2.10, €3.20. Ex: €189. Tricast: €1315.81. Trifecta: €3412.70. CF: €162.92. NR: Backinabit, John Dixen, Keep The Head.

7.36: 1 ESTICKY END P M O'Brien (6-1); **2 Las Brisas Boy** (4-1); **3 Chosen Princess** (12-1). 14 ran (Poppycon 3-1 fav). 5l; ¾l. Tom McGuinness. T: €7.40; €2.30, €1.60, €4.50. Ex: €28.50. Tricast: €298.80. Trifecta: Not won. CF: €32.85. NR: General Clermont, Laligurash, Little Boy Sivola.

8.11: 1 GET IT GIRL Mr P W Mullins (4-1); **2 Bredas Pearl** (6-1); **3 Baymount** (66-1). 12 ran (Shuil Solas 7-4 fav). 2l; ½l. W P Mullins. T: €5; €1.70, €2, €13.10. Ex: €27.30. Trifecta: €370.30. CF: €28.90.

PLACEPOT: €1,323.90

YOUR NO 1 GREYHOUND ROUND-UP WITH CHRIS OLIVER

AERO can make a Mockery of her rivals at Monmore today.

Without a win from four starts since arriving from Ireland, **AERO MOCKERY** (4) was beaten only two lengths in an A5 last week and has strong claims now dropped into an A6 at 1.17.

Richie Taberner's bitch can turn much more prominently at this level and the lightly-raced puppy still has plenty of scope for improvement.

There is top-grade six-bend action at 11.52 and it's **LONGACRES SHOTTA** (2) who is fancied to come out on top in the S1 contest.

Pat Doocey's dog ran out an easy winner of a 500m open at Towcester in late June and relished a drop in class when making all with ease in an S2 over this 630m trip last time out. A similar burst of early speed can see him steal a march on the inside again and he should be tough to reel in if getting on the bunny.

There is a Category One double-header at Monmore this evening as the Ladbrokes Summer Stayers Classic and Gold Cup get under way with six heats apiece.

In the latter event, **SCOOBY DIAMOND** (5) can make the most of being handed one of the weaker heats at 9.14.

Last year's Romford Puppy Cup winner has early speed to burn and showed that in a facile win at Dunstall Park last Saturday. This quick 480m should suit him and he can scoot clear beyond recall.

In the 630m competition at 9.34, Droopys Bookem (3) can build on a flying trial here to claim heat six from the front now 2025 Derby finalist is back over six bends.

■OLIVER'S ARMY: Longacres Shotta (T2, 11.52 Monmore); Aero Mockery (T4, 1.17 Monmore); Scooby Diamond (T5, 9.14 Monmore); Droopys Bookem (T3, 9.34 Monmore).

SELECTIONS

■ROMFORD: 11.09 College Twain (nap) (1-3-4) 11.27 Express Tag (5-4-2) 11.43 Scooby Dior (nb) (1-3-5) 12.01 Rangey Lady (6-5-2) 12.18 Biscuit Dunker (6-3-2) 12.34 Catunda Nemo (5-2-6) 12.51 Oioi Savaloy (5-2-4) 1.08 Zenith Sunrise (3-2-1) 1.26 Bacon Frazzles (4-1-5) 1.42 Harley Hitch (5-4-2) 1.59 Ashbury Woody (5-4-3) 2.14 Fire Knot (4-2-5)

■NEWCASTLE: 2.28 Four Over (nap) (5-1-3) 2.48 Medusa (3-6-4) 3.08 Ballycian Boy (nb) (4-5-2) 3.28 Alnwick Martyn (5-2-1) 3.48 Geordie Gordon (3-2-1) 4.08 Love The Dogs (6-2-4) 4.28 Canny Orla (4-3-5) 4.48 Fardoe Sleek (6-4-1) 5.08 Salahs The Goat (3-6-1) 5.24 Swift Hairy (6-1-5) 5.43 Howtimeflys (1-4-3) 6.01 Ballinderry Faye (4-3-2)

■TOWCESTER: 2.18 Flitwick Del Boy (5-2-4) 2.38 Stellas Charm (nap) (2-6-3) 2.58 Boswellion (1-4-2) 3.18 Romeo Bravo (4-2-1) 3.38 Adamant Finn (5-1-4) 3.58 Monroe Bess (1-4-3) 4.18 Ballymac Nuna (3-1-6) 4.38 Four Assassins (4-2-5) 4.58 Ballycleary Bono (5-2-3) 5.18 Grafton Star (nb) (5-3-2) 5.36 Lion King (4-2-1) 5.55 Confey Story (4-3-5)

RETURNS

■CENTRAL PARK: 11.09 Eire Jeff 11-10f (3-6-5 BAGS F £6.14). 11.27 Swift Youth 9-4 (1-5-6 £22.03 TC £37.17). 11.43 Broadway Mist 22-1 (5-3-4 £279.65 TC £711.64). 12.01 Millbank Rocco 7-4 (6-3-2 £19.25). 12.18 Hollyhill Melody 10-11f (6-2-1 £4.03 TC £9.93). 12.34 Bullseye Bill 3-1 (3-6-5 £19.10 TC £65.67). 12.51 Scary Moll Dolls 6-1 (4-5-1 £25.49 TC £88.99). 1.08 Havana Anevrin 6-4f (6-1-4 £6.52). 1.26 Swift What 5-4jt (5-2-4 £12.38). 1.42 Speedy Uso 11-4 (3-5-6 £8.64 TC £20.75). 1.59 Headford Sirl 11-10f (6-3-5 £8.10). 2.14 Harlequin Upbeat 3-1 (1-5-2 £12.44).

■HOVE: 11.01 Believe You Can 2-1 (2-5-6 BAGS F £7.38). 11.18 Punk Rock Harley 7-2 (1-6-4 £27.85). 11.34 Chisem John 5-1 (1-3-4 £14.72). 11.52 Southdowns Rose 5-4 (6-4-3 £3.30). 12.09 Beanos Andy 7-2 (3-2-5 £34.46). 12.26 Portobello Quay 10-1 (6-1-3 £45.60 TC £72.50). 12.42 Noelles Glenlo 11-8f (6-4-3 £4.15). 12.59 Wedontdopanic 4-1 (3-4-6 £10.17 TC £18.34). 1.17 Southafrikka 8-1 (3-4-1 £48.05). 1.33 Brulee Bullet 6-5f (2-6-1 £10.77). 1.51 Jacktavern Usain 8-11f (5-4-2 £19.62). 2.07 Proud Rori 3-1 (3-2-5 £10.71).

■TOWCESTER: 2.23 Frankton Daisy 6-1 (5-3-4 BAGS F £36.38 TC £70.25). 2.41 Rowington Rascal 5-1 (2-6-5 £54.11). 3.01 Trapstyle Dopey 5-2 (5-3-1 £16.87 TC £34.73). 3.19 Essex Abz 11-10f (5-3-2 £6.61). 3.38 Trapstyle Toucan 6-4f (1-5-2 £7.36). 3.57 Salacres Logan 9-4 (2-3-5 £13.68 TC £26.25). 4.16 Bridgestreet Ali 7-2 (2-5-6 £24.47). 4.34 Jacktavern Pele 6-4f (5-1-3 £4.51). 4.53 Ballycleary Bell 4-11f (3-1-5 £4.55 TC £13.67). 5.12 Garnacho Girl 4-1 (6-4-5 £9.62 TC £49.04).

Class act Colin is now the full Monte

IT'S taken a little over a year, but Colin Keane well and truly has his feet under the Juddmonte table.

The softly-spoken Irishman became just the fourth retained jockey in the world-famous operation's rich history after Pat Eddery, Richard Hughes and James Doyle in June last year.

It's the sort of once-in-a-lifetime opportunity no jockey in their right mind will turn down, and he didn't when the phone call came.

As attractive as the gig is, he was the perennial champion jockey in Ireland and was giving up the safety net of Ger Lyons and Noel Meade to head across to Britain to ride at new tracks and for new trainers.

Not to mention the fact he still lives in Co. Meath and has to fly over sometimes several times a week. The staff at Stansted and Heathrow must know him as well as they know their families now.

It was a move well outside his comfort zone, and in truth he didn't do enough in 2025 to convince the cynics who felt the prestigious job was too big for him.

He had a huge fanbase in Ireland, but in Britain he had a different crowd to win over, and we don't hang around when it comes to getting the knives out.

Even on his first big day in the job at Royal Ascot last season, when he rode **Field Of Gold** to a comfortable St James's Palace win, there was an air of irritation from John Gosden who felt he'd kicked for home too early and given the horse a tougher race than necessary. He might've been right, as the grey never won again.

Keane then picked up a silly 14-day whip ban, meaning he missed out on the King George and the first few days of Glorious Goodwood. When his suspension was up, he had an absolute mare on the well-fancied **Cosmic Year** in a Group 3, somehow managing to get boxed in in a four-horse race. I don't think Harry Charlton was best pleased.

STAR MAN . . . Colin Keane

So there is no doubt there was pressure on his shoulders coming into this campaign – but he has grown superbly into the role.

Andrew Balding, quite rightly, has received the vast majority of the credit for the success he's had with Juddmonte stars like **Kalpana**, **Blue Bolt** and **Item** this summer.

But Keane is also back riding with the confidence and killer instinct that was missing for large parts of 2025.

If there was any lingering self-doubt, or a touch of imposter syndrome, his wins in the Falmouth and King George last month will have erased them for good. He was particularly good on Blue Bolt when winning a Group 1 in France last Sunday.

Just like Juddmonte, he is professional, classy and understated, and he's proven he belongs.

GOOD ON THE JOCKEY CLUB

WHEN comparing different levels of political crisis, nothing will top the dark year of 1974.

Things were so bleak that top civil servant Sir William Armstrong one day stripped off, lay on the floor of 10 Downing Street and began gibbering about the end of the world.

We haven't reached that level of pressure cooker yet in BHA towers, but incoming chair Simon Cox will walk straight into a racecourse civil war when he starts next month after the Jockey Club announced it is following Ascot in quitting the RCA. I've been critical of some of its recent decisions, but good on it.

Racing faces threats in every direction and this sort of drastic change, and action, is needed. We can't muddle on any longer, this has to be the start of something bigger.